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# Grand Chapter of Canada.

## PROCEEDINGS

Fourteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chap- of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the ic Hall, at the City of Hamilton, on the second ON esday, the 9th day of August, A. D. 1871, A. L.

PRESENT:

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| omp. | T. Douglas Harington, | Grand Z. | Grand Council. |
| " | W.J.B.McL. Moore, as | " H. | |
| " | L. H. Henderson, | " J. | |
| | On the Throne. | | |

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| mp. | Thos. Bird Harris, | Grand | Scribe E. |
| " | Daniel Spry, | " | " N. |
| " | David McLellan, | " | Prin. Sojourner. |
| " | John V. Noel, | " | Treasurer. |
| | J. K. Kerr, as | " | Registrar. |
| | John Boyd, | " | 1st Asst.Sojourner. |
| | Yeoman Gibson, as | " | 2nd " " |
| | A. B. Petrie, | " | Sword Bearer. |
| | E. Mitchell, | " | Standard Bearer. |
| | Jno. A. Mackenzie, | " | Dir. of Cer. |
| | F. Mudge, as | " | Organist. |
| | John Parry, as | " | Pursuivant. |
| | W. W. Summers, | " | Janitor. |
| | William Hay, | " | Stewards. |
| | Robert Struthers, | " | |
| | R. A. Woodcock, | " | |

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

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| R. E. Comp. | Thos. F. McMullen, | London | District. |
| " " " | C. L. Beard, | Wilson | " |
| " " " | Geo. H. Patterson, | Huron | " |
| " " " | Thos. Sargant, | Toronto | " |
| " " " | James Might, | Ontario | " |
| " " " | H. W. Day, | Prince Edward | " |
| " " " | Edson Kemp, | Eastern Township's | " |

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

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| R. E. Comp. | W. J. B. McLeod Moore, | P. G. H. |
| " " " | C. D. Macdonnell, | P. G. H. |
| " " " | S. B. Harman, | P. G. H. |
| " " " | David Curtis, | P. G. H. |
| " " " | James Seymour, | P. G. H. |
| " " " | Hy. Robertson, | P. G. J. |
| " " " | J. K. Kerr, | P. G. J. |
| " " " | A. S. Kirkpatrick, | P. G. Sup't. |
| " " " | John W. Murton, | P. G. Sup't. |
| " " " | B. E. Charlton, | P. G. Sup't. |
| " " " | H. W. Delany, | P. G. Sup't. |
| " " " | Thos. Milton, | P. G. Sup't. |
| " " " | Aug. T. Houel, | P. G. P. Soj'r. |
| " " " | Henry Dumble, | P. G. Reg. |
| V. " " | Geo. En Earl, | P. G. 1st Asst.Soj'r |
| " " " | W. W. Pringle, | P. G. 2nd " " |
| " " " | William Reid, | P. G. Sw. B'r. |
| " " " | Wm. Johnson, | P. G. Sw. B'r. |
| " " " | Isaac F. Toms, | P. G. St'd B'r. |
| " " " | R. Ramsay, | P. G. St'd B'r. |
| " " " | F. Mudge, | P. G. Steward. |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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| M. E. Comp. | T. Douglas Harington, | Tennessee. |
| R. " " | T. Bird Harris, | Missouri. |

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| R. E. Comp. | James Seymour, | Indiana. |
| " " " | J. Kirkpatrick Kerr, | Scotland. |
| " " " | David McLellan, | Georgia. |
| " " " | R. Ramsay, | Ohio and Nebraska. |

A constitutional number of Chapters being duly represented, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in ample form at 1.45 o'clock, P. M.

The Executive Committee, as required by the Constitution, having appointed V. E. Comp. Wm. Reid, R. E. Comps. H. W. Day, and Thomas Milton, a Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported the following as being present, and entitled to take part in the proceedings of Grand Chapter, viz.:

No. 1. ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON, O.

R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, P. Z.
" " " Alex. S. Kirkpatrick, P. Z.

No. 2. THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON, O.

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| R. E. Comp. | Thomas Bird Harris, | Z. |
| " " | C. W. Smith, | H. |
| V. " " | William Reid, | P. Z. |
| " " " | W. W. Pringle, | P. Z. |
| " " | A. J. Nuthall, | P. J. |
| " | W. W. Summers, | Grand Janitor. |

No. 4. CHAPTER OF ST. ANDREW AND ST. JOHN, TORONTO, O.

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| R. E. Comp. | S. B. Harman, | Z. |
| " " | R. P. Stephens, | J. |
| " " " | J. K. Kerr, | P. J. |

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON, O.

R. E. Comp. Thos. F. McMullen, P. Z.

No. 6. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON, O.

V. E. Comp. E. Mitchell, Z.
" " J. J. Mason, J.
R. " " Thos. B. Harris, P. Z.
" " " John W. Murton, P. Z.
" " " B. E. Charlton, P. Z.
" " H. A. Mackay, P. H.

No. 7. MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE, O.

R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, P. Z.
" " " H. W. Day, P. Z.

No. 8. KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO, O.

R. E. Comp. D. McLellan, Z.
" " Geo. C. Patterson, H.
" " N. Gordon Bigelow, J.
" " " Thos. Sargant, P. Z.
" " " Aug. T. Houel, P. Z.

No. 10. NEW BRUNSWICK CHAPTER, ST. JOHN, N. B.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, (Proxy.)

No. 12. CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON, O.

R. E. Comp. H. Dumble, Z.
" " " Jno. V. Noel, P. Z.

No. 13. STADACONA CHAPTER, QUEBEC, Q.

M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, (Proxy.)

No. 14. PREVOST CHAPTER, DUNHAM, Q.

R. E. Comp. Edson Kemp, Z.

No. 15. WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA, O.

V. E. Comp. Jno. A. Mackenzie, Z.

No. 16. CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA, O.

V. E. Comp. W. Hay, Z.
M. " " T. Douglas Harington, P. Z.
R. " " W.J.B. McLeod Moore, P. Z.

No. 17. DORCHESTER CHAPTER, WATERLOO, Q.

R. E. Comp. E. Kemp, P. Z.

No. 18. OXFORD CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK, O.

R. E. Comp. C. L. Beard, Z.

No. 19. MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, ST. CATHARINES, O.

E. Comp. George Groves, Z.
R. " " James Seymour, P. Z.
V. " " Robert Struthers, P. Z.

No. 20. MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, BRANTFORD, O.

R. E. Comp. David Curtis, P. Z.
" " H. McK. Wilson, J.
V. " " F. Mudge, P. H.

No. 21. CARNARVON CHAPTER, MONTREAL, Q.

E. Comp. W. G. Beach, J.

No. 22. GRENVILLE CHAPTER, PRESCOTT, O.

E. Comp. James Stephenson, Z.
V. " " Geo. En Earl, P. Z.

No. 23. EZRA CHAPTER, SIMCOE, O.

E. Comp. John Wilson, Z.
" " W. P. Kelley, J.

No. 24. TECUMSEH CHAPTER, STRATFORD, O.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, (Proxy.)

No. 25. MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, MONTREAL, Q.

V. E. Comp. Wm. Johnson, Z.
R. " " Thomas Milton, P. Z.

No. 26. ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, TRENTON, O.

R. E. Comp. H. W. Delany, P. Z.
" " " H. W. Day, P. Z.
" " " C. D. Macdonnell, P. Z.

No. 27. MANITOU CHAPTER, COLLINGWOOD, O.

R. E. Comp. H. Robertson, P. Z.
" " H. Macpherson, P. Z.

No. 28. PENTALPHA CHAPTER, OSHAWA, O.

V. E. Comp. John Boyd, P. Z.

No. 29. M'CALLUM CHAPTER, DUNNVILLE, O.

E. Comp. Joseph Hurssell, Z.
" " Thos. L. M. Upper, J.
" " Jabez Amsden, P. Z.
" " Arr Brownson, P. Z.
" " John Parry, P. Z.

No. 30. HURON CHAPTER, GODERICH, O.

V. E. Comp. Isaac F. Toms, Z.

No. 31. PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, PICTON, O.

E. Comp. David Denoon, P. Z.
R. " " H. W. Day, P. Z.

No. 32. WATERLOO CHAPTER, GALT, O.

R. E. Comp. Geo. H. Patterson, Z.

No. 34. SIGNET CHAPTER, ORILLIA, O.

E. Comp. Thomas S. A. Wimson, Z.
" " Theodore H. Tebbs, J.
V. " " R. Ramsay, P. Z.
" " C. Schomberg Elliot, P. Z.

No. 35. KEYSTONE CHAPTER, WHITBY, O.

E. Comp. Yeoman Gibson, Z.
" " C. A. Jones, P. Z.

No. 36. CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, PETERBORO', O.

E. Comp. Rev. Vincent Clementi, J.
R. " " James Might, P. Z.
" " " C. D. Macdonnell, P. Z.

No. 37. VICTORIA CHAPTER, PORT HOPE, O.

E. Comp. J. Wright, P. Z.

No. 38. SEYMOUR CHAPTER, BRADFORD, O.

R. E. Comp. Thomas Sargant, (Proxy.)

No. 40. GUELPH CHAPTER, GUELPH, O.

E. Comp. W. D. Hepburn, H.
" " Geo. H. Jessup, J.
V. " " A. B. Petrie, P. Z.
" " " F. Mudge, P. H.

No. 41. HARRIS CHAPTER, INGERSOLL, O.

V. E. Comp. R. A. Woodcock, Z.
" " P. J. Brown, H.
R. " " Thos. B. Harris, P. Z.

U. D. MONTREAL CHAPTER, MONTREAL, Q.

E. Comp. Arthur Fletcher, Z.

U. D. ROYAL ALBERT CHAPTER, MONTREAL, Q.

E. Comp. E. M. Copeland, J.

U. D. MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, NAPANEE.

E. Comp. F. Richardson, Z.

It was on motion resolved that the Report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing.

The Grand Scribe E. read the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during business.

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the last Annual Convocation, when

It was moved by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, seconded by R. E. Comp. Edson Kemp, and resolved,—

That inasmuch as the proceedings of the last Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, held at the City of Quebec on the 10th and 11th days of August, 1870, have been printed, and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes of proceedings be considered as read, and same now confirmed.

The Grand Scribe E. presented letters of apology for unavoidable absence, from R. E. Comp. H. J. Pratten, Grand H., and R. E. Comp. Rev. C. Forest.

The M. E. the Grand Z. delivered the following Address to the Companions assembled:

## ADDRESS.

*To the Most Excellent The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

GREETING:

COMPANIONS,—Once more I have the happiness of welcoming your presence in Annual Convocation—our Fourteenth Annual Convocation—and exchanging mutual congratulations. Another masonic year has passed away, taking with it on its passage some old familiar faces, but leaving us still to assemble and take counsel together, for which let us be grateful to a protecting Providence.

Among those Companions who have gone to their rest, there is one I cannot refrain from mentioning—he was a personal and esteemed friend of long standing—I mean our recently deceased Companion and Brother, S. D. Fowler. His departure will be long felt and deplored, and sincere must be onr sorrow. His attachment to our Order was great; his appearance at our meetings was regular; his leisure and time were freely afforded; he was ever ready to accept work, and never failed to carry out to the close whatever he undertook to do, or was entrusted to him. Gentle in speech; quiet in demeanour; earnest for Freemasonry; he did, indeed, make his work one of love! This Grand Chapter will doubtless place upon record its sense of the worth of our late lamented Companion, and convey its earnest sympathy to his surviving relatives.

I have not a great deal to say to you, for our Royal Arch affairs have been moving on so smoothly and harmoniously, that it is really difficult to prepare an Address worthy your consideration. I have granted Dispensations for new Chapters as follows:

Montreal, at Montreal.
Royal Albert, at Montreal.
Mount Sinai, at Napanee.

I received petitions also for new Chapters, to be held at Maitland, Colborne, and St. Mary's; but the first the Grand Superintendent of the District declined to recommend, and the two last reached me so near the meeting of this Convocation, that my Dispensations would have been useless. The Grand Scribe E. will therefore present these three petitions directly to Grand Chapter, and Warrants, if they are approved, can at once issue. I trust also that the Grand Chapter will find itself able to confirm my above named Dispensations by granting Warrants.

The Reports of the respective Grand Superintendents will satisfy you as to the condition of our subordinate Chapters, all of which I have, however, reason to believe are prospering and working harmoniously; and as regards your Finances, I refer Grand Chapter to the statements and accounts of the Grand

Treasurer and the Grand Scribe E. Such payments as were sanctioned by Grand Chapter have been made, and the vouchers will be produced by the proper officer.

Notice of motion was given for changing the time of holding our Annual Convocations, from August to the same week in July, when, and at the place where, the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of Canada are held, which, if followed by a substantive motion, will require your attention and consideration.

The proceedings of various Grand Chapters have been received, and they tend to show that our Order is progressing very favorably. Those Grand Bodies are in friendly relationship with the Grand Chapter of Canada, and evince their customary kindly interest in our welfare, and Credentials will be presented by Companions, who have been appointed Representatives during the past year. I have nominated M. E. Comp. H. P. Deuel, our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, and R. E. Comp. Charles A. Woodward near the Grand Chapter of Ohio, subject of course to your confirmation; and the names of R. E. Comp. Brinsmaid near the Grand Chapter of Vermont, and R. E. Comp. J. S. Bowen near the Grand Chapter of New York, have been submitted to me for approval.

I think of but one other subject which I conceive it to be my duty to allude to. Last year I had to do so. I mean the unfortunate difficulty connected with Craft Masonry in the Province of Quebec, and which, it is greatly to be lamented, has not yet been satisfactorily terminated, as all true Masons must wish and pray for. Of course you all know to what my present allusion points, and this continued discord and state of misunderstanding is exercising a baneful influence on our Order. Royal Arch Masonry is indirectly affected by it, and it is well calculated to do, and is doing, injury in many ways. That the Grand Lodge of Quebec is an accomplished fact, it would be absurd to ignore. It has been unconditionally recognized by some twenty-three Grand Lodges already, and that other Grand Bodies will pursue a like course, I entertain no doubt. This is not a question for Grand Chapters to discuss, but it is my duty to inform you that I

received a very courteous and fraternal communication in my capacity of your Grand First Principal, from the M. W. Grand Master of Quebec, who is likewise a member of high standing of this Grand Chapter, notifying officially the existence of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and seeking for amicable and free intercourse, to which I replied in a similar spirit; and these letters are, of course, ready to be laid before you. I am quite without information from the Grand Lodge of Canada. I had given to me, from more than one quarter, clear testimony that bitter feelings were beginning to be engendered among our Royal Arch Masons, at Montreal especially, and that, greatly to their discredit, they were threatening to use, if not actually doing so, the ballot-box as an instrument of strife! This I was resolved to render nugatory if possible, so far as Capitular Masonry was concerned, and it was partly in consequence of this that I granted Dispensations for the two new Chapters in that city, the respective petitions coming to me from Companions on the one part favorable, and the other hostile to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. I believe I did right, and that I am justified by the result.

Of course, an Address of this kind is not the document for the insertion of details—going before the outside world as it will do like its predecessors—and I would probably have been silent on the subject, only that as the principle of having a Grand Lodge for each Province of the Dominion has, we all know, been in a measure acknowledged and assented to, it really becomes simply a question of time as to the formation of separate Grand Chapters, and when the limit of our jurisdiction will be still more curtailed. It is the wisest course to look this contingency full in the face, and when that time does arrive, carry out the change in a truly masonic and fraternal way —giving and receiving, bearing and forbearing, making mutual concessions if needful, and avoiding heartburnings and strife, scorning wordy warfare, but wishing instead God speed and prosperity to all concerned.

It is marvellous to me that any Royal Arch Mason can so far forget that (in my eyes) "*ne plus ultra*" obligation which he has voluntarily pledged himself to fulfil as a Master Mason, as to lose sight of the Five Points of Fellowship especially, and their full

and entire significance, and more particularly when we call to mind that the Royal Arch is said to be the perfection of the Third Degree of Craft Masonry.

If but the half has been said in bitterness that is reported to have been uttered, in consequence of the Quebec difficulty, which after all originated in a difference of opinion, it is a discredit to the parties using such language, and a scandal to Masonry—that is all I can say—and I thus record my conviction.

And now, in conclusion, allow me to thank you once more for your many marks of favor, and acts of kindness, and also for the long continued distinguished position you have placed me in. You have now to select fresh officers, and I shall not be sorry to be relieved from the duties attached to my high office. You have able members, who can and will be pleased to attend to your wishes, and conduct Grand Chapter affairs, and, as I said last year, their's is a laudable ambition, and should have its reward. And now I finish with this prayer: "May the Great Architect of the Universe grant continuous prosperity to the Grand Chapter, and bless and protect each and all of us. So mote it be."

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,

GRAND Z., &c.

HAMILTON, 9th August, 1871.

It was moved by V. E. Comp. J. K. Kerr, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. McLellan, and resolved—

That the Address of the M. E. Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee, to report thereon to this Grand Convocation.

The following Reports of the Grand Superintendents of the various masonic Districts, were submitted and read, viz.:

## LONDON DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada, in Annual Convocation assembled:*

As Superintendent of the London District, and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg to submit the following brief report of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the London District:

The St. George's Chapter, of which I have the honor to be the Past Z., is in a very flourishing state.

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| It numbered, as per my last Report | 54 | Members. |
| Since which time, it has Exalted | 22 | " |
| And received as Affiliating Members | 2 | |
| Total | 78 | |
| Two of whom have retired, and two have been suspended for N. P. D. | 4 | |
| Leaving present strength | 74 | " |

I have visited the Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, at Sarnia, and have much pleasure in reporting that, under its very efficient and energetic First Principal, V. E. Comp. John A. McKenzie, it is progressing *well.* It numbered, as per my last Report, 40 members, since which it has added to its numbers.

I am happy to state that during the three years in which I have had the honor to preside over this District, no case of grievance or appeal has been submitted to me; but *Peace, Harmony,* and *Brotherly Love,* prevails in an eminent degree.

I have therefore much pleasure in congratulating Grand Chapter on the very satisfactory condition of Capitular Masonry in the London District.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. F. McMULLEN,

Grand Supt., London District.

London, Ont., 1st August, 1871.

## WILSON DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent Council, Officers and Companions, of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I have much pleasure in reporting to Grand Chapter that all the Chapters in the Wilson District, four in number, viz.:—Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock; Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford; Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe; and Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll, still continue in a prosperous condition, and are steadily increasing in membership.

Nothing has occurred during the past year that requires special notice. I might, however, mention that Oxford Chapter, No. 18, over which I have still the honor to preside, removed in November last to the New Hall, allusion to which was made in my last Report.

I have visited Harris Chapter, Ingersoll, on several occasions; but regret that ill health and family affliction have prevented me from giving that attention to the other Chapters in the District which the duties of the office of Grand Superintendent require.

In now retiring from the position which I have had the honor to occupy for several years, I beg sincerely to thank the Companions of the District for the unfailing courtesy and consideration which they have at all times extended to me; and I beg to assure them that I shall at all times be ready to assist, to the utmost of my ability, in any work which has for its object the interest and advancement of our Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. L. BEARD,

GRAND SUPT., Wilson District.

WOODSTOCK, ONT., August 8th, 1871.

## HURON DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Z., and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

As required by the Constitution, I beg to submit herewith my Report as Grand Superintendent of Huron District, for the year ending August 1st, 1871.

It affords me very great pleasure to report that during the year I have had the honor of being Grand Superintendent of this District, no grievances or appeals of any kind have come before me for adjudication,—which is not only highly satisfactory, but the fact speaks for itself of the harmony and mutual forbearance existing among the members of the Fraternity in this District, and which should always characterize the intercourse between the Companions of our exalted Order.

I am happy to report that prosperity has attended all the Chapters in this District, and the membership is steadily increasing; and have reason to believe that the portals are well guarded against the admission of any but good men and true,—a duty which cannot be too carefully performed.

I regret that circumstances over which I had no control prevented me from visiting all the Chapters in my District; but have every reason to believe, from my knowledge of the Ex. Companions at the head of those I had not the pleasure of visiting, that the welfare of the Royal Order is well cared for, and that their working is in accordance with that recognized by Grand Chapter.

On the first of August instant, I had the pleasure of installing the Officers of Guelph Chapter; and from the interest the installed Officers take in the extension of the genuine principles of our Order, I have no doubt the working of the Chapter will be fully better maintained in the future than it has been during the past twelve months.

I recommended the application for the establishing of a new Chapter at St. Mary's, to be called "St. James' Chapter," a Warrant for which I trust will be granted. The Principals

nominated are zealous Masons, and fully deserve the confidence reposed in them by their Companions; and, under their careful and able management, I hope to see this Chapter second to none in the District.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. H. PATTERSON,

GRAND SUPT., Huron District.

GALT, ONT., 3rd August, 1871.

## HAMILTON DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada, in Grand Chapter assembled:*

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND EXCELLENT COMPANIONS:

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit my Report upon the condition of R. A. Masonry in the Hamilton District. It affords me great pleasure to state that in all the Chapters a healthy progress is apparent, and that the material brought up for the building is such as will do no discredit to the Royal Craft.

The *work* in use, is that authorized by the Grand Chapter, which, I am gratified to learn, is creditably exemplified by efficient Officers.

This feature I deem of paramount importance, as upon efficiency in those who are entrusted with government of subordinate Chapters, mainly depends their vitality and permanence. Work, to be well impressed upon the attention of candidates, needs a masterly skill in those charged with the elucidation of masonic mysteries; and where that *fervency* and *zeal* prevails, that I am pleased to say marks the operations of the four Chapters in this District, the fullest confidence can be placed in their permanency and success. Another gratifying feature deserving of notice, is that the most thorough harmony prevails, no case of grievance or appeal having come under my notice since entering upon my official duties.

I much regret that professional engagements have interfered with my official visitations, and that for this reason I have not done myself the pleasure of visiting the Hamilton Chapters; but knowing that they are ably presided over by bright Craftsmen, and that they have a guardian angel in their midst in the person of our esteemed Grand Scribe Ezra, I am well satisfied that the reports received of their prosperous career are reliable, and therefore relieve me of this part of my duty.

So prosperous is R. A. Masonry in this District, and so zealous are the Companions to see the principles of the Royal Craft more widely diffused, that it need not surprise Grand Chapter should one or two new Chapters spring up in the Niagara Section before another year rolls round.

In closing this brief review of my official duties, I cannot do so without bearing testimony to the cordial co-operation extended to me whenever I have met the Companions or Chapters, and I may also say the kindly hospitality shown on such occasions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN GOODMAN,

GRAND SUPT., Hamilton District.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT., August 8th, 1871.

## TORONTO DISTRICT.

*To the M. E. Grand Z., Grand Principals, and Grand Chapter of Canada.*

In accordance with requirements of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, I herewith beg to present my Annual Report, regarding the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Toronto District.

Regarding the state of the Chapters in the jurisdiction, I may report that they are progressing successfully. Business engagements have deterred me from visiting all the Chapters during the year; but I have done so as far as time and circumstances would permit.

At the late fire in Bradford, the Companions of Seymour Chapter suffered heavily from loss of clothing, working tools, and other paraphernalia necessary for the working of a Royal Arch Chapter. I immediately issued a circular to the sister Chapters of the District, asking them to aid our Companions in their hour of distress.

The Chapters immediately nobly and generously responded by voting the following amounts :

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| Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto | $40 |
| Manitou Chapter, Collingwood | 25 |
| Signet " Orillia | 25 |
| Total | $90 |

The Companions of King Solomon's Chapter, Toronto, voted unanimously to supply Seymour Chapter the necessary clothing, working tools, &c., for which they gave me an order to the amount of from $60 to $80, which will be sent to the Companions during this month. The cash amounts voted have been handed by me over to the Chapter, to enable them to furnish their new Chapter-room.

I would suggest to this Grand Chapter the necessity of adopting measures by which the First Principal Z. of subordinate Chapters can be instructed with the proper working.

In conclusion, I have to congratulate the Chapters upon the good-will and unanimity which is depicted in all their proceedings, and in my not having received any appeals or complaints to adjudicate thereupon.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. SARGANT,

Grand Supt., Toronto District.

Toronto, 4th August, 1871.

## ONTARIO DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent Council, Officers and Companions, of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

As required by the Constitution of Grand Chapter, I beg leave to submit the following Report respecting Capitular Masonry in the Ontario District:

There has been no increase in the number of Chapters since last Annual Convocation.

I have visited repeatedly, during the term of my office, two Chapters, viz.: "Corinthian," of Peterboro', and "Victoria," of Port Hope. The others, — "Pentalpha," at Oshawa, and "Keystone," of Whitby,—I was unable to visit, owing to business over which I had no control.

The Chapter at Port Hope, I cannot praise too highly. I have not, in my experience, seen the work of Royal Arch Masonry better done than by the Z. of this Chapter and his Officers. With respect to the Corinthian Chapter, at Peterboro', I regret to say that they do not work with the harmony desirable. They have also been unable to work the Chapter without my presence, not being acquainted with the Ritual. I beg leave, however, to hope that under the present Z. the work will be better advanced. If it is not, I would recommend the suspension of the same till Companions can be found capable of working. I beg leave also to recommend that provision be made by Grand Chapter, or private Chapters, for the payment of expenses to Superintendents of Districts.

No masonic complaints have been made to me during my term of office; and I have to congratulate the Chapters on the existing state of harmony and good feeling.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES MIGHT,

GRAND SUPT., Ontario District.

## PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions, of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, I beg to submit the following Report on the state of Capitular Masonry in the Prince Edward District:

The Chapters are all working regularly and harmoniously, no complaint having been made to me in the District.

I have great pleasure in reporting that a Dispensation has been issued by Grand Z. for opening a R. A. Chapter in the Town of Napanee (Comp. F. Richardson, Z.), and would most cordially recommend that a Warrant be issued to said Chapter, as I am personally acquainted with most of the Charter members, and know them to be zealous and faithful Companions.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

H. W. DAY,

Grand Supt., Prince Edward District.

## CENTRAL DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions, of the Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons of Canada, in Annual Convocation assembled:*

I beg most respectfully to submit the following Report of the condition and prospects of Capitular Masonry within the District subjected to my supervision:

All the Chapters in the "Central" jurisdiction have been officially visited—some of them, indeed, only once, but the others twice or thrice. It had been my resolve to pay, at least, two visits to each, in order that any questions involving vital interests, or matters of ritual, conservative of those interests, might be fully

dealt with. Unfortunately, pressing duties in my parish prevented my carrying out this resolve. Kingston Companions will, I trust, look kindly on this seeming dereliction in duty.

Circumstances prevented my meeting the Companions of Carleton Chapter until the evening of the 22nd November. At this Convocation, after due inspection of the books (all of which I found in admirable order), the Chapter was put to trial in the M. E. M. and R. A. Degrees.

In the M. E. M., I had occasion to notice that an *evil*, alas ! too prevalent in our ranks, found place even in so earnest a body as No. 16. I mean that the smaller gear was not in working order. The *smooth, ready*, and *uninterrupted* work, which only early exercise and constant intelligent practice can give, was wanting—a proof of the too great facility afforded to Master Masons of admission to our honorable Order.

Your Superintendent cannot but strongly urge upon Grand Chapter that no Master Mason should be admitted to Chapter honors unless he is conversant with the principles, and capable of *opening* and *closing*, with readiness and accuracy, the three Degrees of Symbolic Masonry. The admission of any but *actual* Masters or Past Masters to our Body, is confessedly an *indulgence*. To be worthy of this indulgence, a candidate should, at the very least, possess the modicum of knowledge which I have stated. As wherever I have visited I have found the same difficulty, I would urge the consideration of it upon Grand Chapter.

In R. A. Degree, the work of the Officers was good, special mention being here made of the excellent work both of the First Principal and of the Principal Sojourner—in either case it was prompt, and possessed heart and soul.

A subsequent visit to No. 16 (Carleton) justifies me in stating that much of the evil which I had pointed out has since been remedied.

Grenville Chapter, No. 22, which, through the lack of supervision on the part of its chief Officers, had become almost

moribund, was the next visited. On that occasion, I seated and received one Brother, and then installed the Officers for the ensuing year. I am sorry to add that the hopes of the evening have not been realized : no blame, however, attaches to the general body of the Companions. Little work, save that which I did myself on subsequent visits, has been attempted. A brighter future, however, is immediately in store, and I confidently trust that "Grenville" will yet rank high among the Chapters of this District.

On the 6th December, I visited (officially) and inspected "Cataraqui," or No. 12 on the Grand Register. The visit proved, unhappily, ill-timed, as most of the members, including some of the principal Officers, were absent from the city. Only ten were present. I could not, consequently, prove the *working powers* of the Chapter. The books, however, were carefully examined, and I could take exception only on two points, viz.: first, there was no *mark book*, as required by the Constitution; and second, the Janitor's entries afforded no guarantee that, as to numbers, the Chapter had always been properly opened. Of the regular opening, however, I obtained, from reliable authority, full and sufficient assurance.

Here (as in Carleton) I addressed the Companions on the vital importance of guarding well our portals, and on accuracy in work ; for, as in No. 16, too great facility for the admission of semi-instructed M. Masons seems to have prevailed.

The next evening was devoted to "Antient Frontenac." Here, the material was of more than common order, and the working very fair. The books were as they should be, with this simple exception, viz. : beyond a few entries, they had no mark book. A promise was made to me that they would immediately procure one, and have it kept in a manner worthy of a body which holds the first place on the Register of Canadian Chapter jurisdiction.

I further addressed the Chapter on the important mission and exalted dignity of the Order,—urging strongly the application of the square to every candidate seeking admission, that no one,

save of true die, might gain access; that *mind*, as well as *heart*, might be enlisted in our work. The installation of the Officers (H. excepted, who was accepted by proxy) then followed.

In the course of duty, your Superintendent felt justified in addressing a letter to "Antient Frontenac," strongly urging upon its Companions the expediency, on many grounds, of making overtures to "Cataraqui" for a union into one of the two Kingston Chapters. Sufficient reason was afforded me, by both Chapters, for this advice, and I now respectfully ask the powerful counsel of Grand Chapter to the same end. In our "union" is our "strength."

No disturbing element has presented itself during my official year, unless it be that I was obliged, by my fealty to the Order, to refuse sanction to the erection of a new Chapter at Maitland, O. Although strong feelings have been expressed in a certain quarter, as my action was approved my the Grand Z. I need not, perhaps, burden this Report with a formal repetition of the reasons for that action. I, however, attach to the Report a copy of my letter (on the petition) to our distinguished Chief, to be used in self-justification, if self-justification be necessary.

The account of work done, as well as the list of Companions lately called "to rest," Grand Chapter will doubtless receive in the Annual Reports of the several Chapters.

On Monday next (August 7th) I hope to install a new and efficient set of Officers to preside over Chapter 22.

All which is dutifully submitted.

CHARLES FOREST,

GRAND SUPT., Central District.

MIRICKVILLE, August 1st, 1871.

## MONTREAL DISTRICT.

*To the M. E. Grand Z., and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

Once more the period has arrived when each Superintendent finds himself called upon to report on the state of Royal Arch Masonry in his District; and I, as one of them, am (as you must

all be well aware) placed in a very awkward position, on account of the unhappy state of Masonry in the Province of Quebec. Such being the case, I feel very reticent in saying anything that would in any way tend to widen the *breach*, already so *very wide*.

In whatever channel my own feelings might lead me, I think friend or foe will bear me out in saying that in all vexed questions which may have been brought before me, I have ruled impartially.

Within the past year, I have constituted and installed the Officers of two (2) new Chapters: one the "Montreal," and the other the "Royal Albert,"—both of which are well worked and governed. The reasons for the establishment of these Chapters in Montreal is well known to the M. E. Grand Z., and he, no doubt, will inform you.

The "Mount Horeb" and "Carnarvon" were both for a time at a stand-still; but on my receiving instructions from the M. E. Grand Z. to communicate to the Chapters in my District that applications for membership were to be received from members hailing from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the same as from other Grand Bodies, "Mount Horeb" buried the hatchet, and has been and is progressing well. Not so the "Carnarvon," over which I have the honor to preside. It would, I repeat, be wrong on my part to say anything likely to stir up strife. Therefore, I will content myself by observing that now there are four Chapters in Montreal, all would work well if no dual membership any longer existed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. MONTAGUE SOWDON,

GRAND SUPT., Montreal District.

MONTREAL, 7th August, 1871.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions, of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

I beg to submit the following brief Report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District;

The three Chapters in this District are severally progressing in a very favorable and satisfactory manner, and I have much pleasure in being able to report that great harmony and kind brotherly feeling still continues to prevail throughout the District.

I would gratefully acknowledge the kindness and courtesy universally extended to me by all the Companions within the District.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

EDSON KEMP,

GRAND SUPT., Eastern Townships District.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions, of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

I have the honor to report that the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this District continues unchanged. Stadacona Chapter, the only one therein, is as prosperous as, under all the circumstances, can be reasonably expected. The present number of members is 73, which is in excess of 30 of the 38 subordinate Chapters who rendered returns to Grand Chapter for 1870; and this, it must be remembered, in a District where the greatest prejudices exist against all degrees of our Order.

The Convocations have been remarkable for perfect harmony, and no question has arisen requiring interference on my part. I deeply regret to have to notice the death of a distinguished Companion, R. E. Comp. James Dean, District Grand Master under the English Registry, whose able and zealous discharge of his duties, in Chapter or Lodge, will long be affectionately remembered.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. DUNBAR,

GRAND SUPT., Quebec District.

QUEBEC, 4th August, 1871.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

As Grand Superintendent for the Province of New Brunswick, I beg to present to you, at the termination of the official year, a brief report on the condition of the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons on the Registry of Canada in this section of the Dominion.

I cannot convey to you any infinite labor on my part. It affords me, however, much pleasure in reporting that the Chapters in this Province, under the authority of Canada, are in good working order, and prosperous to an eminent degree.

In New Brunswick Chapter, No. 10, holding in the city of Saint John, an interest is manifested in working the Degrees; and attendance at Convocations equal to that of a Blue Lodge, which is very gratifying. I can bear testimony to the excellent condition of this Chapter, under the able management of its present Council.

I have also much satisfaction in conveying, that while this Chapter ranks among the largest in point of numbers in the Dominion, harmony prevails, and gives an illustration of the beautiful language of Israel's sweet singer: "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

On the 20th June, I re-installed the elect Excellent Z. and H.; also installed, invested, and conferred the Chair Degree of J. upon Comp. Henry Duffell, W.M. of the Union Lodge, of Portland, No. 10, A. F. and A. M., on the Registry of New Brunswick, who was unanimously elected to the Third Principal's Chair of this Chapter.

In strict reason, I thought it perhaps better the First and Second Principals should be re-installed; but had no custom to guide me in this jurisdiction.

The hand of death has been felt in this Chapter by the removal of Comp. the Rev. Wm. McDonald, D.D. We make our lamentation known to our parent body, as he was widely and favorably

known as an earnest, Christian Companion. A man radiant in all the moral loveliness of his holy calling, surely his work has been accepted, and is qualified, with the signet of truth, to enter within the white veil, and receive the reward of the faithful at the hands of our great High Priest.

Moncton Chapter of R.A. Masons gives promise of a long career of prosperity and usefulness. This Chapter, though only about two years in existence, is numerous in membership; the Officers most zealous: and being Companions who have held high rank in Symbolic Masonry, and given undeniable proofs of their skill, enables them to perform the Chapter work in an intelligent manner.

In conclusion, nothing has occurred between the Companions here to distract their attention from the duties they owe to each other in travelling this rough and rugged path of life, or to sever those social ties which constitute the greatest attraction of Masonry—our duty to God and man.

Respectfully submitted.

D. R. MUNRO,

GRAND SUPT., Province of New Brunswick.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. John W. Murton, seconded by R. E. Comp. C. L. Beard, and resolved—

That the Reports of the several Grand Superintendents be received and referred to the Executive Committee.

V. E. Comp. J. K. Kerr presented his Credentials as the accredited Representative of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, with the rank of a Past Grand J. in that Grand Chapter.

The M. E. the Grand Z., in the name of the Grand Chapter, was pleased to accept, and received our V. E. Companion Kerr as the representative of Scotland.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, and resolved—

That the rank of a Past Grand J. in this Grand Chapter, be conferred on V. E. Comp. James Kirkpatrick Kerr.

R. E. Comp. David McLellan presented his Credentials as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of Georgia, which the M.E. the Grand Z. was pleased to receive and accept.

R. E. Comp. R. Ramsay presented his Credentials as the Representative of the Grand Chapters of the States of Nebraska and Ohio, which the M. E. the Grand Z. was pleased to receive and accept.

The Companions were severally greeted with the usual masonic salutations, and which were suitably acknowledged.

The Grand Scribe E. read a letter from the Secretary of Committee on behalf of the Companions and Knights Templar of Hamilton, tendering to the Grand Officers and Representatives present at this Annual Convocation the hospitalities of the city, and extending a fraternal invitation to be present at a banquet, to be given in honor of the occasion at the St. James' Hall, this Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock.

The M. E. Grand Z. instructed the G. S. E. to inform the Hamilton Companions that their invitation would be most cordially accepted.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted petitions, signed by the required number of Companions, for new Chapters, as follows:

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| "McLeod Moore" | Chapter | Maitland, | Ont. |
| "Excelsior" | " | Colborne, | " |
| "St. James'" | " | St. Mary's, | " |
| "Wellington" | " | Chatham, | " |

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Edson Kemp, seconded by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, and resolved—

That the foregoing petitions be received, and referred to the Executive Committee.

The following places for holding the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter were put in nomination, viz. :—Moved by

R. E. Comp. Geo. H. Patterson, seconded by V. E. Comp. R. A. Woodcock, ..... Galt.

R. E. Comp. D. McLellan, seconded by R. E. Comp. A. T. Houel, ..... Toronto.

R. E. Comp. I. F. Toms, seconded by E. Comp. Jno. Wilson, ..... Goderich.

E. Comp. P. J. Brown, seconded by V. E. Comp. F. Mudge, ..... Brantford.

V. E. Comp. Wm. Johnson, seconded by R. E. Comp. T. Sargant, ..... Prescott.

The several places having been submitted to a vote of Grand Chapter, it was ascertained that the majority were in favor of Toronto.

The M. E. Grand Z. declared that the next Annual Convocation would be holden at the City of Toronto.

R. E. Comp. J. Might gave notice that at the next Annual Convocation he will move that the Annual Convocations of Grand Chapter be permanently held at Toronto.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted the following statements of moneys received during the past year, and also the condition of Chapters as per last returns received, with books, etc., which were received and referred to the Executive Committee.

## ANNUAL CASH STATEMENT.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, G. S. E., in account with Grand Chapter for the financial year ending 31st July, A. L. 5871.

| | | $ c. |
|---|---|---|
| No. 1 | —Ancient Frontenac, Kingston | 14 00 |
| " 2 | —The Hiram, Hamilton | 47 40 |
| " 4 | —St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto | 50 60 |
| " 5 | —St. George's, London | 46 80 |
| " 6 | —St. John's, Hamilton | 91 60 |
| " 7 | —Moira, Belleville | 55 00 |
| " 8 | —King Solomon's, Toronto | 86 50 |
| " 9 | —Golden Rule, Sherbrooke | 75 00 |
| " 10 | —New Brunswick, St. John, N.B. | 122 50 |
| " 12 | —Cataraqui, Kingston | 12 00 |
| " 13 | —Stadacona, Quebec | 75 00 |
| " 14 | —Prevost, Dunham | 41 80 |
| " 15 | —Wawanosh, Sarnia | 34 00 |
| " 16 | —Carleton, Ottawa | 35 00 |
| " 17 | —Dorchester, Waterloo | 14 20 |
| " 18 | —Oxford, Woodstock | 18 80 |
| " 19 | —Mount Moriah, St. Catharines | 42 86 |
| " 21 | —Carnarvon, Montreal | 39 50 |
| " 23 | —Ezra, Simcoe | 46 51 |
| " 24 | —Tecumseh, Stratford | 18 00 |
| " 25 | —Mount Horeb, Montreal | 26 80 |
| " 26 | —St. Mark's, Trenton | 36 90 |
| " 27 | —Manitou, Collingwood | 18 60 |
| " 28 | —Pentalpha, Oshawa | 25 40 |
| " 30 | —Huron, Goderich | 60 00 |
| " 31 | —Prince Edward's, Picton | 29 00 |
| " 32 | —Waterloo, Galt | 30 60 |
| " 33 | —The Hiram, Goldenville, N. S. | 5 00 |
| " 36 | —Corinthian, Peterboro' | 33 20 |
| " 37 | —Victoria, Port Hope | 33 40 |
| " 39 | —Botsford, Moncton, N. B. | 87 50 |
| " 40 | —Guelph, Guelph | 81 70 |
| U. D. | —Montreal, Montreal | 40 00 |
| U. D. | —Royal Albert, Montreal | 40 00 |
| U. D. | —Mount Sinai, Napanee | 50 00 |
| | Cash | 1 70 |
| | | $1,566 87 |
| | Balance | 06 |

| | | $ c. |
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| 1870. | | |
| Aug. 29 | —By Grand Treasurer | 382 25 |
| Nov. 30 | —" " " | 122 10 |
| 1871. | | |
| Mar. 3 | —" " " | 300 00 |
| " 18 | —" " " | 160 00 |
| June 21 | —" " " | 350 00 |
| July 29 | —" " " | 252 46 |
| | Balance | 06 |
| | | $1,566 87 |

The following Chapters have paid since 1st August:—Nos. 1, 13, 20, 22, 23, 25, 30, 34, 35, 36, 38, 41.

# BALANCES IN LEDGER, AUGUST, 1871.

| No. | NAME. | PLACE. | LAST RETURN. | | 1870 | 1871 | $ Dr. | cts. | $ Cr. | cts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Ancient Frontenac | Kingston, O | 31st January | .. | 1870 | .. | 00 | 00 | | |
| 2 | The Hiram | Hamilton, O | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | | |
| 4 | St. Andrew and St. John | Toronto, O | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 2 | 00 | | |
| 5 | St. George's | London, O | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | 3 | 00 |
| 6 | St. John's | Hamilton, O | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | | |
| 7 | Moira | Belleville, O | " " | .. | 1870 | .. | 37 | 20 | | |
| 8 | King Solomon's | Toronto, O | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | 1 | 90 |
| 9 | Golden Rule | Sherbrooke, Q | " " | 1869 | .. | .. | 50 | 00 | | |
| 10 | New Brunswick | St. John, N. B | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | 2 | 00 |
| 12 | Cataraqui | Kingston, O | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 60 |
| 13 | Stadacona | Quebec, Q | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 4 | 40 | | |
| 14 | Prevost | Dunham, Q | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 22 | 80 | | |
| 15 | Wawanosh | Sarnia, O | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | | |
| 16 | Carleton | Ottawa, O | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | | |
| 17 | Dorchester | Waterloo, Q | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | | |
| 18 | Oxford | Woodstock, O | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | | |
| 19 | Mount Moriah | St. Catharines, O | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | | |
| 20 | Mount Horeb | Brantford, O | " July | 1869 | . | .. | 00 | 00 | | |
| 21 | Carnarvon | Montreal, Q | " January | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | 2 | 00 |
| 22 | Grenville | Prescott, O | " " | .. | 1870 | .. | 00 | 00 | | |
| 23 | Ezra | Simcoe, O | " July | .. | .. | 1871 | 1 | 30 | | |
| 24 | Tecumseh | Stratford, O | " January | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | | |
| 25 | Mount Horeb | Montreal, Q | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 9 | 00 | | |
| 26 | St. Mark's | Trenton, O | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | | |
| 27 | Manitou | Collingwood, O | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | 2 | 00 |
| 28 | Pentalpha | Oshawa, O | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | 2 | 00 |
| 29 | McCallum | Dunnville, O | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 12 | 00 | | |
| 30 | Huron | Goderich, O | " July | | 1870 | .. | 00 | 00 | | |
| 31 | Prince Edward's | Picton, O | " January | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | 3 | 00 |
| 32 | Waterloo | Galt, O | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 2 | 40 | | |
| 34 | Signet | Orillia, O | " July | 1869 | .. | .. | 2 | 76 | | |
| 35 | Keystone | Whitby, O | " January | . | .. | 1871 | 40 | 20 | | |
| 36 | Corinthian | Peterboro', O | " " | .. | 1870 | .. | 00 | 00 | | |
| 37 | Victoria | Port Hope, O | " " | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | | |
| 38 | Seymour | Bradford, O | " July | .. | 1870 | .. | 11 | 00 | | |
| 39 | Botsford | Moncton, N. B | " " | .. | 1870 | .. | 9 | 00 | | |
| 40 | Guelph | Guelph, O | " January | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | | |
| 41 | Harris | Ingersoll, O | " July | .. | 1870 | .. | 4 | 00 | | |
| U.D. | Montreal | Montreal, Q | | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | | |
| U.D. | Royal Albert | Montreal, Q | | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | | |
| U.D. | Mount Sinai | Napanee, O | | .. | .. | 1871 | 00 | 00 | 10 | 00 |

## TABULAR STATEMENT, extracted from Returns for the year 1871

| Number. | NAME OF CHAPTER. | PLACE OF MEETING. | Number of Registrations | Number of Joinings. | Withdrawals. | Suspensions. | Deaths. | Number of Members. | Amount of Fees Paid. $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Ancient Frontenac.... | Kingston ..... | 4 | .. | 9 | .. | .. | 45 | 14 | 00 |
| 2 | The Hiram..... | Hamilton ..... | 9 | .. | 7 | 1 | 1 | 47 | 47 | 40 |
| 4 | St. Andrew's..... | Toronto ..... | 11 | 45 | 1 | . | 1 | 97 | 50 | 60 |
| 5 | St. George's..... | London ..... | 12 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 64 | 46 | 80 |
| 6 | St. John's ..... | Hamilton ..... | 16 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 118 | 91 | 60 |
| 7 | Moira... ..... | Belleville . ..... | 5 | .. | 4 | .. | 3 | 56 | 55 | 00 |
| 8 | King Solomon's..... | Toronto..... | 22 | 2 | 1 | .. | 2 | 104 | 86 | 50 |
| *9 | Golden Rule ..... | Sherbrooke ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | . | 72 | 75 | 00 |
| 10 | New Brunswick..... | St. John ..... | 28 | 1 | 5 | .. | 1 | 120 | 122 | 50 |
| 12 | Cataraqui..... | Kingston ..... | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 37 | 12 | 00 |
| 13 | Stadacona..... | Quebec ..... | 4 | .. | 4 | .. | 1 | 73 | 75 | 00 |
| 14 | Prevost ..... | Dunham ..... | 6 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 30 | 41 | 80 |
| 15 | Wawanosh..... | Sarnia ..... | 8 | .. | 3 | .. | .. | 40 | 34 | 00 |
| 16 | Carleton ..... | Ottawa..... | 4 | .. | 3 | .. | .. | 64 | 35 | 00 |
| 17 | Dorchester..... | Waterloo..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 51 | 14 | 20 |
| 18 | Oxford..... .... | Woodstock... .... | 4 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 44 | 18 | 80 |
| 19 | Mount Moriah..... | St. Catharines..... | 7 | 1 | .. | 4 | 1 | 73 | 42 | 86 |
| 20 | Mount Horeb..... | Brantford ..... | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 30 | .. | .. |
| 21 | Carnarvon ..... | Montreal ..... | 4 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 43 | 39 | 50 |
| 22 | Grenville ..... | Prescott ..... | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 35 | .. | .. |
| 23 | Ezra ..... | Simcoe..... | 7 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 39 | 46 | 51 |
| 24 | Tecumseh..... | Stratford ..... | 3 | .. | 4 | .. | 1 | 45 | 18 | 00 |
| 25 | Mount Horeb ..... | Montreal..... | 9 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 73 | 26 | 80 |
| 26 | St. Mark's ..... | Trenton ..... | 6 | 1 | 9 | .. | 1 | 24 | 36 | 90 |
| 27 | Manitou ..... .... | Collingwood ..... | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | .. | 31 | 18 | 60 |
| 28 | Pentalpha... ..... | Oshawa..... | 4 | 1 | 2 | .. | 1 | 62 | 25 | 40 |
| 29 | McCallum ..... | Dunnville..... | 6 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 33 | .. | 00 |
| 30 | Huron ..... | Goderich..... | 6 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 40 | 60 | 00 |
| 31 | Prince Edward's ..... | Picton ..... | 4 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | 25 | 29 | 00 |
| 32 | Waterloo ..... | Galt ..... | 8 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 33 | 30 | 60 |
| 34 | Signet ..... | Orillia ..... | 17 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 28 | .. | .. |
| 35 | Keystone ..... | Whitby ..... | 21 | .. | 5 | .. | . | 34 | .. | .. |
| 36 | Corinthian ..... | Peterboro' ..... | 11 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27 | 33 | 20 |
| 37 | Victoria ..... ..... | Port Hope ..... | 11 | . | 1 | .. | .. | 32 | 33 | 40 |
| 38 | Seymour..... | Bradford ..... | 36 | 1 | 4 | .. | 1 | 40 | .. | . |
| 39 | Botsford ..... | Moncton ..... | 14 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 26 | 87 | 50 |
| 40 | Guelph ..... | Guelph..... | 25 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 40 | 81 | 70 |
| 41 | Harris ..... | Ingersoll ..... | 10 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 20 | .. | .. |
| 42 | Montreal..... | Montreal..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 40 | 00 |
| 43 | Royal Albert..... | Montreal..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 40 | 00 |
| 44 | Mount Sinai ..... | Napance ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | . | 50 | 00 |
| | Hiram ..... | Goldenville ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 | 00 |

* No Returns since 1869.

## RECAPITULATION.

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| Number of Chapters on the Roll | | 44 |
| " " represented in Grand Chapter | | 39 |
| " Registrations and Exaltations reported | | 352 |
| " Joinings " | | 69 |
| " Withdrawals " | | 79 |
| " Suspensions " | | 11 |
| " Deaths " | | 21 |
| " Members on Roll of Chapters | | 1,814 |
| Receipts for the year | $1,566.87 | |

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following statement of Receipts and Disbursements, with Books, Vouchers, &c., which were received and referred to the Executive Committee.

Dr. JOHN V. NOEL, Grand Treasurer, in account current with Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Canada. Cr.

| Date | Particulars | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| 1870. | | |
| Aug. 10— | To balance of account this day | $1,327 07 |
| Sept. 5— | " Cash from Grand S. E. | 382 25 |
| Dec. 2— | " " " " " | 122 10 |
| 1871. | | |
| Mar. 6— | " " " " " | 300 00 |
| " 20— | " " " " " | 160 00 |
| June 27— | " " " " " | 350 00 |
| July 31— | " " " " " | 252 46 |
| " — | " Interest on deposits | 49 10 |
| | | $2,942 98 |

| Date | Particulars | Items | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1870. | | | |
| Sept. 3— | By cost of draft | | 28 |
| " 5— | " paid draft favor J.T. Rolph | | $ 60 00 |
| " — | " " order " T. & R. White | $ 9 75 | |
| " — | " " " " T. B. Harris, G.S.E. | 300 00 | |
| " — | " " " " Janitor, at Kingston | 6 00 | |
| " — | " " " " G.S.E. expenses at " | 21 75 | |
| " — | " " " " " contingent exp's | 32 25 | |
| " — | " " " " W. Bruce, acct. 1869 | 12 50 | |
| | | | 382 25 |
| " 28— | " " " " F. O. Illing | | 30 00 |
| Dec. 2— | " " " " Lawson, McC. & Co. | 100 60 | |
| " — | " " " " T. & R. White | 9 00 | |
| " — | " " " " W. Bruce, acct. 1870. | 12 50 | |
| | | | 122 10 |
| 1871. | | | |
| Mar. 20— | " " " " J. T. Rolph | 120 00 | |
| " — | " " " " R.E.Comp. J.Seymour | 40 00 | |
| | | | 160 00 |
| | Balance | | 2,188 35 |
| | | | $2,942 98 |

1871.—August 7.—To balance brought down....$2,188 35

Audited, August, 1871, and found correct.

KINGSTON, Aug. 7th, 1871. J. V. NOEL, G. Treasurer. E.E.

H. ROBERTSON, Chairman A. and F. Com.

R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted and commenced reading the following

## REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the M. E. Grand Principal, and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg to submit the results of their examination of the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, as under, which they hope will meet with the approval of the Grand Chapter.

1. Scotland.....1870
2. Alabama .....1870
3. Arkansas .....1870
4. California.....1871
5. Connecticut .....1870-71
6. Delaware .....1871
7. Florida.....1871
8. Georgia .....1870
9. Illinois.....1870
10. Indiana .....1870
11. Iowa.....1870
12. Kansas .....1870
13. Louisiana .....1871
14. Maine.....1870
15. Maryland.....1870
16. Massachusetts.....1870
17. Michigan.....1871
18. Missouri.....1870
19. Nebraska .....1869-70
20. New Jersey..... .....1870
21. North Carolina.....1870
22. Nova Scotia.....1870
23. Ohio .....1869-70
24. Oregon ..... .....1870
25. Pennsylvania .....Re-print
26. Rhode Island .....1871
27. South Carolina .....1870-71
28. Tennessee .....1870
29. Texas .....1870
30. Virginia .....1870
31. Wisconsin .....1871

From England and Ireland we have no tidings, as they do not publish their proceedings; and those of the following Grand Chapters in the United States have not been received, viz. :—

District of Columbia, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont.

The proceedings which have been received will be noticed in detail, in the order named above, commencing with the Grand Chapter of

## SCOTLAND.

During the year ending March 13th, 1871, five Charters have been granted to new Chapters, namely :—at Perth, New South Wales, New Zealand, Cape of Good Hope, and Bombay. Two Warrants have also been issued to Mark Master Lodges, at Barrow-on-Furness and Llanduduo. A Provincial Grand Superintendent was appointed in Bombay,and Representatives exchanged with the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

STATISTICS.—138 Chapters on the roll. Of these, 2 are in arrears ; 25 are considered dormant ; and 6 have returned their Charters : leaving 105 as the actual number. Among the "Charters returned," we notice "St. John's, No. 75, Toronto." There are also twelve Mark Lodges, six of which make no returns for that year. The membership, or the work for the year, is not given in any case. Receipts, £420, 2, 5 ; balance on hand, £1,526, 7, 7.

At the meeting of the Supreme Committee, on April 7th, 1870, permission was granted to Union Chapter, of Dundee, to open and exalt on one occasion in Perth, which action was soon after followed by the establishment of a new Chapter in the latter place.

On June 15th, R. E. Comp. James Kirkpatrick Kerr was appointed Representative at the Grand Chapter of Canada—an honor worthily bestowed.

In August, it was brought to the notice of the Committee that certain officers of the Rising Sun Chapter, at Shanghae, had applied for a Charter for a new Chapter, to be held under the American Constitution, and proposed holding office in both Chapters. The Committee were of opinion that the holding of

office by any Companion in two Chapters, holding of different governing bodies, was entirely contrary to the principles of the Constitution of the Order. They believed that those named would retire from one of such Chapters; but if not, steps would be taken to prevent the continuance of so anomalous a state of affairs.

An Address of condolence was sent to the Dowager Countess of Haddington, on the death of her husband, the Earl of Haddington, Past Grand Second Principal.

Josiah Chapter, at St. Andrew's, not having had a deputation from the Grand Chapter for fifty years, four members were appointed to visit that Chapter, as requested. Our friends in Scotland do not seem to appreciate the inestimable blessings (?) of "uniformity of work," or the utility of a "Grand Lecturer."

December 22nd, 1870.—The Proceedings of Canada were received, and thanks voted therefor.

On the subject of the Mark Degree, and the Grand Mark Lodge, we make the following extracts, as worthy of notice. The results attained by the proposed Conference will be interesting to us all. It is to be hoped that they will be such as to remove this Degree from the awkward position it at present occupies in the mother country, and place it in the same position in each of the three Kingdoms.

"21st September, 1870.—(Quarterly Meeting.)—The Supreme Chapter then took into consideration communications from Brother Frederick Binckes, of London, and Brother the Rev. G. R. Portal, on the subject of the proposed Conference with the Body which the Brethren represented, with the view to a recognition of that Body by the Supreme Chapter; also the copy letters therein referred to, from the Grand Lodge of England, Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the Report of the Committee there anent. After a long discussion, it was ultimately unanimously resolved to adopt the recommendation of the Committee, and to agree to appoint Delegates, with a view to a Conference, provided Delegates were also appointed by the Grand Lodge and Chapter of England, the Grand Lodge and Chapter of Ireland, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In coming to this decision, the Supreme Chapter did not overlook the documents laid before them by

Brothers Portal and Binckes, nor underrate their important bearing upon the question now under discussion, more particularly in so far as they disclosed the sentiments of individual members of the Grand Lodge of England as such; but keeping in view (1.) The decided expression of the mind of the Grand Lodge and Chapter of England, as contained in the resolutions of these Grand Bodies, dated respectively 7th June and 2nd August, 1865, not to recognize 'The Body styling itself the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, Wales, and the Colonies and Possessions of the British Crown;' and (2.) The serious complications which might arise were the Grand Lodge of England at any future time to adopt the same view, with reference to the Mark Degree, as has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, viz.:—That it is not a separate Degree at all, but a part and portion of the Fellow-Craft Degree, and to assume the management of it; while, on the other hand, were recognition recorded to a Body such as the one now craving it, which exists in no country except England, and were it insisting on abiding by the recognition so given, the Supreme Chapter did not feel disposed to undertake the responsibility of entering into any negotiations, unless the Grand Lodge and Chapters of England, Ireland, and Scotland, were parties to them."

"22ND DECEMBER, 1870.—(QUARTERLY MEETING.)—Having resumed consideration of the proposed Conference on the subject of the Mark Master's Degree, with the minutes of the Supreme Chapter of date 21st September, 1870, and of the Committee of date 14th October, 1870, it was unanimously resolved to modify the resolutions of the former of these minutes to the effect recommended in the latter; and in event of the Grand Lodge and Chapter of England being formally invited to attend the Conference, that the presence of a delegate or delegates from either, or both of these Bodies, should not be deemed indispensable. And a letter having been read from Brother F. Binckes, agreeing on the part of the Body he represented that such formal invitation should be given, the Supreme Chapter unanimously agreed to send delegates to the proposed Conference, and remitted to the Committee, with full powers to name the delegates and to make all the necessary arrangements. The Supreme Chapter indicated an opinion that the delegates should be the Grand Scribes E. and N., and Companion William Hay."

"14TH FEBRUARY, 1871.—(COMMITTEE MEETING.)—It was resolved to delay appointing delegates to the proposed Conference, until the Grand Chapter of Ireland had returned an answer."

"1ST MARCH, 1871.—(QUARTERLY MEETING.)—The Supreme Chapter thereafter resumed consideration of the subject of the proposed Conference in London, as to the position of the Mark Degree in England. The Grand Scribe E. read a letter from Brother F. Binckes, intimating that delegates would appear from Ireland, and that office-bearers of the Grand Lodge and

Chapter of England would also attend, although not officially. He also read a letter from Brother Entwistle, Provincial Grand Superintendent, under the Scotch Constitution, Lancashire. Companion Alexander Hay, Grand Recorder, then intimated that, in his opinion, Brother Entwistle ought to be present at this Conference. After some discussion as to the mode of carrying out this suggestion of Companion Hay, of which the Supreme Chapter approved, it was unanimously resolved so far to modify the resolution of last Quarterly Communication, as to the three delegates to be appointed, and to direct that Brother Entwistle should be one of them; and the Supreme Chapter remitted to the Committee to appoint three delegates, in terms of the resolution contained in the minute of date 21st December last, Brother Entwistle to be one of them."

"6TH MARCH, 1871.—(COMMITTEE MEETING.)—In terms of the remit from the Supreme Chapter, Companions Thomas Entwistle, Provincial Grand Mark Superintendent, Lancashire; Lindsay Mackersy, Grand Scribe E.; and William Mann, Grand Scribe N., were unanimously appointed delegates to the Conference, to be held in London, on the subject of the Mark Degree in England."

M. E. Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn is First Grand Principal; and R. E. Comp. Lindsay Mackersy, Grand Scribe E.

## ALABAMA.

The Forty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Montgomery, December 6th, 1870. M. E. Comp. H. C. Armstrong, G. H. P.; R. E. Comp. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters represented, 52; members reported, 2,184; Dues received, $1,065.25.

WORK OF THE YEAR. — Advanced, 156; presided, 158; received and acknowledged, 160; exalted, 147; affiliated, 46; rejected, 7; dimitted, 121; died, 50; suspended for unmasonic conduct, 7; expelled, 2; suspended for non-payment of dues, 129; re-instated, 36.

STATE OF THE CHAPTERS. — Chapters square upon the books, 53; Chapters delinquent, 11; Charters forfeited, 32; whole number at the end of the year, 96.

The G. H. P. has much pleasure in stating that

"Capitular Masonry, in this jurisdiction, is in a flourishing condition. Peace, prosperity and harmony prevail, and the lights are burning brightly upon our altars."

His views as to Dispensations are well worthy of attention :

"In April last, an application was made to me by the H. P. of Jefferson Chapter, No. 81, for dispensation to authorize balloting upon petitions of two candidates for the degrees, at the convocation at which the petitions were to be presented. The reasons assigned were, that one of the intended petitioners contemplated a removal from the jurisdiction of Jefferson Chapter before the usual reference could be had upon his petition, and that he exceedingly desired to receive the degrees before such removal.

Not deeming this a case for the exercise of dispensing power, I declined to grant the request.

The power to grant dispensations is a prerogative not to be lightly exercised—certainly not merely for the convenience of individuals, but only in cases of necessity clearly made out, and when it is made manifest that the good of the Craft would be promoted thereby.

Without special reference to this particular case, I may be permitted in this connection to urge upon Companions—as has been urged by my predecessors—caution in conferring the Chapter degrees. Those only whose qualifications will bear the test of strictest scrutiny, should be permitted to pass the veils of our sanctuary; and to such scrutiny should the character of every one seeking admission among us be submitted.

Not in numbers, but in the high intellectual and moral worth of its membership, does the strength of our Order consist. It is to be feared that we sometimes forget this truth, and, in such forgetfulness, fail to use the black ball, when our true interests as a fraternity require such use. Who can estimate the injury to an institution such as ours by the admission of one unworthy member? Then, let us with jealous care guard our portals, demanding that all who would pass shall first trace clearly their genealogy, and establish their merits. Thus will we preserve in strength the bonds which should bind together the hearts of Masons, and they will indeed be 'a three-fold cord, not easily broken.'"

The Committee on Work made reports on all the Degrees, which were concurred in.

One Charter was granted to a new Chapter.

The annual dues to Grand Chapter were increased from fifty cents to seventy-five cents per member, as the revenue was insufficient to meet the expenses.

An important question is brought before us in the following Report, which was adopted :

"The Special Committee to whom was referred the inquiry, 'Has the Grand Chapter either the right or the power to compel the observance of any ceremony in conflict with any conscientious scruples of any party against whom it is proposed to be enforced,' begs leave to report:

The Committee will not consider this as an abstraction, but practically as connected with the case upon which the inquiry is predicated, and out of which it arises.

It would be ruinous to our masonic organization, and introduce anarchy and confusion, to allow subordinate officers to disregard the work and ceremonies established by the Grand Body to which such officer, when he becomes a Mason, as well as at the period of his installation, pledges cheerful obedience. The distinction between the principal officer or body, and the subordinate, must be preserved, or the organization must fail. If a party, in conforming to the behests of the Grand Chapter under which he is working, imagines that it involves a matter of principle to which he is conscientiously opposed, he may refuse to conform to it at the peril of being tried for recusancy; and if the Chapter to which he belongs allows its officers, respectively, to be the judges of the work, and whether it squares with their respective conscientious scruples, thus disregarding the work of the Grand Chapter, which alone has the right to declare what the work shall be, when in session, and the enforcement of which, during the vacation between its convocations, it entrusts to the Most Ex. Grand High Priest, the Chapter itself becomes recusant, and is liable to be dealt with by the Grand Chapter.

Your Committee deem this a sufficient response to the inquiry presented to them. Only adding, that Masonry, when properly understood, in none of its departments makes any requisition which contravenes the enlightened consciences of men."

We particularly like the last paragraph. It sums up the whole case, and puts it on a proper footing in a few well chosen words.

Comp. Palmer J. Pillans reviews, in his usual able manner, the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters. We are sorry to observe that Canada is not amongst them. His excuse for apparent imperfections is surely sufficient;

"Though laboring at the time of its preparation under no physical infirmities, yet we could not avoid great mental depression. 'The pestilence that walketh at noonday' was abroad, and our almost 'deserted village' was a vast charnel house, and those who were well were heavily taxed, both physically and mentally, in behalf of the suffering. The calls upon our *active* sympathies were loud and constant. Let this, then, excuse apparent imperfections."

DEATHS.—E. M. Hastings, Grand Treasurer, on May 21st, 1870; and J. R. Clark, P. D. G. H. P., on September 5th, 1870. *All* the Grand Officers were re-elected.

## ARKANSAS.

The Twenty-first Annual Convocation was held at Little Rock, November 17th, 1870. M. E. Comp. E. H. English, G. H. P.; R. E. Comp. L. E. Barber, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters represented, 26; whole number of Chapters, 55; number that made returns, 38; exaltations, 240; admitted, 28; dimitted, 90; died, 20; suspended, 21; expelled, 1; whole number of affiliated R. A. Masons, 1,307. Receipts, $1,433.50; balance (appropriated to St. John's College), $1,308.11.

The Address of the G. H. P. is a gem in its way. He opens by returning thanks for blessings received:

"During the past year, peace and quiet have prevailed in our State; indeed, throughout our whole country, while the fairest portions of Europe have been ravaged by war, and human blood has flowed like great rivers. * * * * While the re-builders of the Temple were moving on their toilsome journey from the land of captivity to the city and the home of their fathers, when they passed over rough and barren mountains, and came to smooth and fruitful vales, they bowed down, and returned their grateful thanks to Him who safely lead them on their way. Their journey was a symbol of our natural, as well as our masonic life. Let us, therefore, continue to follow their example in spirit, and not merely in the formal representations of the Holy Royal Arch."

He reports seven Dispensations for new Chapters, and then gives us a delightful picture of the future of the Royal Arch:

"There are yet a number of counties in the State where there is no Chapter, but the time is not far distant when those great symbols, and sublime moral teachers, the circle and the triangle, will find their way into the destitute counties. There is no road too rough for Royal Arch Masonry to travel over; no vale in which she will not erect her beautiful banners; and no mountain at whose foot she will not reverently repeat the symbol of the burning bush. Her life will be commensurate with the duration of the human family, and her progress will keep pace with the advance of civilization. She began in the orient, when and where the arts and sciences were cradled, and with them she has travelled, with the tide of emigration and the flight of centuries, toward the setting of the sun. Her standards are in the hands of strong men,—when one falls, another takes his place, and her march is onward.

The Blue Craft are the forerunners of the Royal Craft. The one lay the foundation, and rear the strong walls of the masonic Temple; and the other follow on, and aid in the completion and dedication of the edifice."

Then follows a graphic description of the history and objects of each of the four Degrees, which concludes as follows:

"When primeval darkness pervaded all space, a VOICE said 'let there be light,' and the sun leaped into the heavens, and the earth and all her sister planets wheeled into their orbits, and commenced their journeys around the sun. Enoch hearkened to that VOICE when he fashioned the pillar of granite and the pillar of brass. Noah obeyed that VOICE when he constructed the ark, to save his household from the flood. The builders of the first and the second Temples heard the same VOICE. Royal Arch Masons see the NAME OF HIM who uttered that VOICE written in glittering letters along the blue arch above, and, forming the symbol of that arch below, they renew beneath it their pledges of FRATERNITY in His sacred name.

In the days of the Crusades, the combined Christian powers failed to wrest from the desecrating Turk the City of Jerusalem and the site of the Temple. It may be that some Rothschild will one day accomplish, with millions of gold, that which the swords of the Templars failed to achieve; and that the scattered sons of Israel will gather from the continents and isles of the seas to the land of their forefathers. If so, multiplied thousands of Royal Arch Masons will go up among them, over long journeys, to aid again in re-building the House of the Lord. No doubt that Temple will surpass in beauty and magnificence the first and the second, but whether it will be Hebrew or Christian, we need not here speculate. However this may be, it becometh us, my Companions, to strive to fit ourselves as living stones for that 'Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.'"

The Committee on masonic Law decided :

"1. The suspension of a Mason in a Blue Lodge for unmasonic conduct *ipso facto* suspends him in the Chapter.

2. A restoration by the Lodge restores in the Chapter, or rather is the occasion that gives to the suspended Brother the right to be treated as a Companion by the Chapter."

Which were approved.

No appeals or grievances.

The work was exemplified by actual candidates, who had previously been elected in subordinate Chapters.

DEATH.—Gabriel McCowan, Past Grand Secretary, August 21st, 1870.

The G. H. P. and G. Secretary were both re-elected.

## CALIFORNIA.

The Seventeenth Annual Convocation was held at San Francisco, April 11th, 1871. M. E. Comp. George T. Grimes, G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. L. C. Owen, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 40; exalted, 244; affiliated, 26; restored, 9; withdrawn, 115; suspended, 34; excluded, 14; expelled, 3; died, 26; rejected, 21; members, 1,769.

A Dispensation for a new Chapter was arrested by the G.H.P., in consequence of the Chapter having adopted a resolution to meet on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday, of each week; and acting thereunder they had, in nine days, elected 6 candidates, conferred 22 Degrees, and received four other petitions, which were acted on at the same railroad speed. The Grand Lecturer, under whose sanction these extraordinary proceedings were had, was promptly suspended by the G. H. P., all of whose actions in the premises were approved by the Grand Chapter.

Four new Chapters received Charters, and a resolution was adopted that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge should be followed, where it did not conflict with that of the Grand Chapter.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. Lawrence C. Owen, and is written in his usual able manner. He reviews the Proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1869 and 1870.

M. E. Comp. James Lawrence English was elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. Charles Louis Wiggin, Grand Secretary.

## CONNECTICUT.

The Seventy-second Annual Convocation was held at Hartford, May 10th, 1870. M. E. Comp. John H. Barlow, G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. J. K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Number of Chapters, 29 — all represented; exalted, 274; admitted, 14; withdrawn, 42; died, 22; suspended, 1; expelled, 1; members, 3,722. Dues, $816; Receipts, $1,875; balance on hand, $29.21.

Three new Chapters received Charters, and one was refused.

No appeals or grievances were brought to the notice of the Grand Chapter.

A Committee was appointed to collect, as far as possible, all the documents, writings, and other information relating to the introduction of Royal Arch Masonry into this State, and its subsequent history down to the organization of this Grand Chapter.

A novel feature in these Proceedings, is the publication of an alphabetical list of all the members of subordinate Chapters—very useful for reference.

The veteran Storer submits his Nineteenth Annual Report on Correspondence, and, in so doing, retires from the ranks. His departure will be generally felt as a real loss. Canada is not noticed. We quote his concluding remarks:

"And now, in writing this concluding paragraph, we take a final leave of the Capitular Fraternity, as a Correspondence Reporter. Long and pleasant has been our connection with the fraternal band who have been endeavoring to disseminate the light of Truth. Our first Correspondence Report was presented to the Grand Lodge of this State in May, 1849, and for fifteen

successive years we performed this annual service. In May, 1851, we submitted our first Report to the Grand Chapter, and have done the same from year to year up to the present time. In preparing these several Reports, we have written much, and expressed our opinions freely, on the several questions that have from time to time agitated the masonic Fraternity, both at home and abroad. These opinions may sometimes have been erroneous; but they have been uttered in all frankness and honesty. If they have been the means of leading any one astray, no one can more sincerely regret it than we do. We have sometimes disagreed with esteemed friends, but only when we have felt it our duty to do so; and it is not improbable that in the fervency of our zeal we may have occasionally used strong language, calculated to wound the feelings of some of our Companions who may have entertained different sentiments from our own. If any have felt themselves thus injured, we honestly and sincerely ask their forgiveness.

'Finally, brethren, farewell; be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of Love and Peace will be with you.'"

We regret to learn that since the meeting of Grand Chapter, Comp. Storer has "crossed the silent river," deeply lamented and regretted.

*All* the Grand Officers were re-elected.

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## 1871.

The Seventy-third Annual Convocation was held at New Haven, May 9th, 1871. M. E. Comp. John H. Barlow, G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 30; exalted, 248; admitted, 11; withdrawn, 36; died, 38; expelled, 1; members, 3,835. Dues, $744.00; receipts, $868.70; balance on hand, $403.23.

The G. H. P. reports harmony and prosperity in the subordinate Chapters, and recounts his official acts and visitations. Reports are also presented by the Deputy G. H. P., the Grand King, and Grand Scribe.

The business transacted was entirely local, and such as requires no special comment.

A memorial page is dedicated to the memory of R. E. Comp. Eliphalet G. Storer, Grand Secretary for nearly twenty-five years.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. Luke A. Lockwood, and reviews the Proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters, including ours for 1870.

M. E. Comp. Charles W. Stearns was elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler was re-elected Grand Secretary.

## DELAWARE.

The Third Annual Convocation was held at Dover, January 18th, 1871. M. E. Comp. Daniel C. Godwin, G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. William F. Godwin, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 4; exalted, 25; admitted, 1; dimitted, 3; died, 31; members, 187. Dues, $158.00; receipts, $199.00; balance on hand, $45.43.

The G. H. P. announces that the subordinate Chapters are in a healthy condition, and doing good work. He approves of the system of appointing Representatives to sister Grand Chapters, and also of the practice of using substitutes. He suggested that the expenses of Representatives attending the Grand Chapter should be paid by the Grand Chapter; and a resolution to that effect was carried, which includes the Grand Officers.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was unable to complete his work. He acknowledges the receipt of our Proceedings for 1870.

M. E. Comp. Allen V. Lesley was elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. William F. Godwin was re-elected Grand Secretary.

## FLORIDA.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Tallahassee, January 10th, 1871. M. E. Comp. Dewitt C. Dawkins, G. H. P., reported the death of the Grand Secretary, R. E. Comp. Edward Bradford, on the 20th July, 1870.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 13; making returns, 8; exalted, 17; members, 368; decrease, 6. Receipts, $338.50; balance on hand, $280.55.

In his Address, the G. H. P. says:

"When you come to review the operations of Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction for the past masonic year, you will not likely find that much rapid progress has been made, nor could it be reasonably expected. Yet the evidences of moderate success, and the elements of steadiness and future prosperity, are with us.

Our people, like children and cripples, learning and re-learning to walk, are beginning, if but slowly, to survive the misfortunes and hardships of the past, and when the sprig of prosperity has once more begun to flourish in our lovely floral State, Royal Arch Masonry will feel its influence, and flourish and be useful in proportion. May the days of former prosperity ere long return, and even be exceeded, and then may all in the land be glad."

Dispensations were issued to two new Chapters; the work was exemplified, and routine business disposed of. The Grand Chapter of Louisiana was sustained in its action regarding the Grand Orient of France.

Comp. Thomas A. Carruth presented a very readable report on Correspondence. Canada for 1870 is noticed in kindly terms. We sympathize with him in his losses by fire, which destroyed much valuable property, and necessitated the re-writing of his report.

M. E. Comp. Dewitt C. Dawkins was re-elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. W. M. McIntosh was elected Grand Secretary.

## GEORGIA.

The Annual Convocation was held at Augusta, April 27th, 1870. M. E. Comp. Moses P. Kellogg, G. H. P.; R. E. Comp. Benjamin B. Russell, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 55; making returns, 49; represented, 40; affiliated, 42; exalted, 172; resigned, 54; suspended, 12; expelled, 2; died, 18; members, 2,098.

From the Address of the G. H. P., we extract the following:

"What a wonderful inflatus from the soul of the universe must have been infused into Masonry, to enable it to attract to its altars, in every age, men of intelligence, probity and influence—enabling it to withstand all the rude

shocks of war, revolution and persecution—waxing stronger as its solitary beacon light shone amidst the strifes and turmoils of the profane, to guide in his dubious course the humble honest seeker after truth! Peaceful, and at all times submissive to the 'powers that be,' the Institution has survived the ruin of empires, the rise and fall of false philosophies, assiduously working in the rough quarries of the human heart, as the great conservator of the teachings of the one true and living God. It was the builder of the noblest edifice the world ever saw; and when completed, it dedicated it to the worship of the great I AM. When the fierce wrath of offended Deity caused that magnificent Temple to be laid in ruins, and his favorite people to be led away captive into a strange land, then Masonry silently wrapped her mantle of secrecy around the only copy of the Book of the Law left in existence; stood, during all those long dreary years of captivity, the lone, faithful sentinel over the precious treasure; and when the fierce storm had passed by, she drew forth from its safe retreat the WORD of God, and opened its pages upon her Altar, the Great Light of the Order.

Again, during those fearful convulsions of a later period, when the barbarians were laying waste the civilized world, the gallant Sir Knights of our Order drew their trusty blades in defence of the Christian religion, destitute widows, and helpless orphans; while the faithful craftsmen modestly treasured up the secrets of the art—and no sooner was peace and order restored, than they were ready and able to teach the nations of the earth the beauty and grandeur of true masonic architecture. Anon, when the imitative profane were taught to become the hewers of wood and bearers of burdens for the skilled craftsmen, the Masters merely drew designs upon the trestleboard, and applied themselves zealously to the more noble and glorious purposes of Speculative Masonry—the purifying and adorning the temple of the heart, to become a fit shrine for the indwelling of Deity.

You, my Companions, are the successors of those noble Master Builders; and your office requires you to sit in Grand Council, and judge of the value of the discoveries brought to light by those craftsmen under your supervison, in their efforts to rebuild this House of the Lord, the heart of the Speculative Mason. If it ever required that vigilant, faithful guards should be stationed at the respective veils, to prevent the introduction of strangers amongst the workmen, that necessity is now upon us. In the giddy whirl of reckless immorality that has seized the thoughtless world, Masonry, the great balance wheel of society, should be brought to bear most vigorously. In this desperate struggle of vice against virtue, the efficacy of the principles of Masonry is to be tested, I opine, more severely than in any previous ordeal. It is incumbent, in this warfare, that Masons be vigilant, valiant, and virtuous. Who can more effectually set the example than you, the High Priests of the Order? You must be held largely accountable for the prosperity, purity, and permanency of the Institution. Each High Priest

becomes a central luminary, around which revolve, in beautiful harmony, the satellites of all the inferior degrees. If the central light becomes eclipsed, the secondaries must be shrouded in ignoble darkness."

From the report of the Deputy G. H. P., we learn that there is a masonic Free School at Albany, which has been in successful working for some years. It is supported by voluntary contributions from Masons, and is under the control of Albany Lodge.

"They not only propose to educate free of charge all the children of indigent parents in the city—whether connected or not with the masonic Institution—but every means is exerted to induce them to attend. They have numbered as high as seventy pupils; and that the number is not at this time so large, is only for the reason that the material is not to be found in the city.

It is indeed a noble work, and worthy of imitation. If the Fraternity in every county in the State would inaugurate a similar system, what an immense amount of good might be accomplished! What numbers of children, now growing up in ignorance, idleness and vice, and otherwise doomed to a life of grovelling servitude, if not infamy and shame, might be reclaimed, educated, and rendered useful members of society, with minds cultivated, and morals improved, prepared to fill that sphere in which God designed his creatures to move!

What could be more gratifying to us as Masons, than to know that we had contributed to so benevolent a work; and what a pittance from each member would be adequate to the accomplishment of so noble a design!

Let us hope, then, that the masonic Free School of Albany is but the inauguration of a system, to be generally adopted by the Fraternity throughout the State, and which, if fully consummated, would be the crowning glory of Masonry in Georgia."

The mileage to members was reduced one-half, in view of the diminished condition of the funds of the Grand Chapter.

Subordinate Chapters were allowed to "drop from the roll" members in arrear for dues, in place of suspension,—which, we think, is the proper course, and we would like to see the practice of suspending for non-payment of dues abrogated in this jurisdiction.

The "Grand Lecturer" system having been tried and found wanting, it was abolished, and the work left to be adopted by the

first four Grand Officers, who are annually to exemplify it. The Committee in their report, say that

"Experience has failed to demonstrate the propriety of delegating such extraordinary and unrestrained power to a single Companion, and likewise fails to discover any practical results of general good to the Craft."

The use of "substitutes" having been at a previous session forbidden, the former action was repealed, it being found

"Contrary to the long established usage of the subordinate Chapters, and detrimental to the prosperity of Capitular Masonry."

An appropriate jewel, representing a

"Breast-plate, set with precious stones, on three equilateral triangles, surrounded by a circle, and on which is engraved a wreath of oak and olive leaves,"

Was presented, with an address, to M. E. Comp. Samuel Lawrence, P. G. H. P., who replied in appropriate terms.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety and expediency of expunging the Past Masters from the curriculum of Chapter Degrees, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table until the next Annual Grand Convocation:

"It is known to the student in Masonry, that anciently the Royal Arch Degree was conferred by virtue of a dispensation emanating from a Lodge of Master Masons, and such an organization as a Chapter was unknown. For reasons that it is unnecessary to discuss, a separate organization was determined on, and, probably to increase its interest, Symbolic Masonry was made to contribute a portion of their rites, and the Degrees now known as Mark and Most Excellent were engrafted into Capitular Masonry, and with it came the honorarium of Past Master.

Your Committee do not believe in the so-called Progressive Masonry of modern days, and think we progress only as we return to the ancient usages and customs. The difficulty that arose between the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, with reference to this Degree of Past Master, is known to the older members of this Grand Body, and in consequence of this trouble we were compelled to emasculate it, and it now stands naked and deformed, possessing neither utility or usefulness. It may be urged that the General Grand Chapter recognizes and authorizes this Degree; and the same may

be said of our sister jurisdictions. To the first objection we state, that our connexion with the General Grand Body is dissolved, and we owe it no allegiance; and to the latter, we but testify our appreciation of the dignity of the Holy Royal Arch when we lop off a parasite that affects its well-being.

Holding these sentiments, your Committee submit the following resolution:

That the Past Master's Degree be expunged from the list of Capitular Degrees in this jurisdiction."

DEATHS.—William S. Rockwell, P. G. K., and Past Grand Master, on January 23rd, 1870; Sanford Kingsbury, P. H. P.; H. F. Merill, H. P.; and S. M. Varnadoe, H. P.

Canada receives a fraternal notice in the able report on Foreign Correspondence, by Comp. Samuel Lawrence. On the Past Master's Degree, he has the following sensible remarks:

"The two questions and answers together, in our judgment, completely nullify each other. If an actual Past Master, as such, need not be balloted for to receive the Past Master's Degree in a Chapter, how is it that he cannot visit a Lodge of Past Masters? If he is good for one thing among Chapter Masons, why not for all others not beyond his Degree? It seems to us, under the Royal Arch system, which obtains with us, the two Degrees, however similar, and the same in ceremony and F. B., are separate and distinct things; in one case an *honorarium* only, or, as some think, a necessary qualification for the Worshipful Master of a Lodge before he can preside—in the other, a legal requirement and condition precedent to being received and acknowledged M.·. E.·. Master, and finally exalted to the Royal Arch. And, to avoid confusion, they should be kept distinct and separate."

M. E. Comp. Moses P. Kellogg was re-elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. J. Emmett Blackshear elected G. Secretary.

## ILLINOIS.

The Twenty-first Annual Convocation was held at Chicago, October 7th, 1870. M. E. Comp. John M. Pearson, G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. James H. Miles, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chartered Chapters, 138; Chapters represented, 123; members, 1869, 7,639; exalted, 938; admitted, 61; restored, 12—total, 8,650. Less number—died, 81; dimitted, 241; expelled, 10; suspended, 89—total, 421. Members, 1870, 8,229; resident,

7,475; non-resident, 754—8,229. Increase, 590; Chapters U.D., 8; members, 176. Total number members, 1870, 8,405. Receipts, $6003.05; balance on hand, $898.86.

The G. H. P. advocates the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, to serve for one year only,—as if well done once, the work would not need to be repeated for many years. He also recommends that a fixed rule and fee should be adopted as to the issue of special dispensations, and that the dues of subordinate Chapters should be reduced.

It was

"Resolved,—That Master Masons, made by a Lodge under dispensation, are entitled to petition for the Chapter Degrees.

Resolved,—That a protest against the advancement of a Brother to the Degrees of the Chapter, has the same force, and no more, as the rejection by ballot."

A resolution to withdraw from the General Grand Chapter was tabled by a majority of eighty to eleven; but a resolution was afterwards carried that the delegates to that Body should advocate and vote for its dissolution.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. James H. Miles, and is an excellent review of the Proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, including ours for 1869. In his conclusion, he says:

"One thing we have observed in all the Proceedings—that peace, harmony, and permanent prosperity, seem to pervade throughout all our wide-extended domain, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast comes back the response, all is well! And may we not hope that thus it will continue to be, as year by year, we add to our members, now increased to almost a hundred thousand strong.

True, some little differences of opinion exist; and yet we seem to be drawing more closely together, and burying our little matters of difference in oblivion, so that it seems the Mutual Admiration Society may ere long die of itself, although the General Grand Chapter should not be dissolved, nor the Past Master's Degree be abolished."

M. E. Comp. Augustus A. Murray was elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. James H. Miles re-elected Grand Secretary.

## INDIANA.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Indianapolis, October 19th, 1870. M. E. Comp. Harvey G. Hazelrigg, G.H.P.; and R. E. Comp. John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 64; U. D., 10; represented, 69; exaltations, 497; re-instated, 10; affiliated, 44; died, 35; dimitted, 105; suspended, 37; expelled, 9; members, 3,548; increase, 530. Receipts, $3,405.50; balance in treasury, $2,867.51.

The G. H. P. is also the Reporter on Foreign Correspondence; and, in a lengthy and able Address, gives his views upon a number of important questions and practices. Among the Proceedings received by him, we notice Canada for 1869. He does not believe in the infallibility of the High Priest, and thinks there should be an appeal from his decision to the Chapter in all matters except "work." He is also of opinion that the resignation of an officer of a Chapter is not a violation of any landmark; that a motion to "call off" is not unmasonic, except when "at work;" that the objection of a member, after a favorable ballot, is equivalent to a rejection; that an actual Past Master need not take that Degree in the Chapter; that a High Priest can be elected without previous service as King or Scribe; that the system of appointing representatives is a good one, and not attended with any extra expense to the Grand Chapters; and that the use of substitutes is strictly permissable, according to the "faith once delivered to the saints." Upon most of these subjects, we have already given our opinion in previous reports, with our reasons for such; but we may be permitted to add here our belief that there is *no* appeal from the decision of the H.P., except to the Grand Chapter; that an officer *cannot* resign; that a motion to "call off" *is* unmasonic; that the *unsupported* objection of a member (after he has had an opportunity of rendering the ballot unfavorable, and has not done so) should *not* have any effect; that an actual Past Master knows nothing at all about the Chapter Degree of Past Master, and *must* take it before he can be exalted; and that a High Priest should *not* be elected to that office without previous service as King or

Scribe. With these few exceptions, M. E. Comp. Hazelrigg is perfectly sound.

He reports having issued nine dispensations for new Chapters, and refused two others. We also notice the appointment of R.E. Comp. James Seymour, as their Representative near our Grand Chapter, with the title of Past Grand King.

We extract the following, as containing beautiful thoughts clothed in well-chosen language:

"Never in the history of Royal Arch Masonry in our own jurisdiction, has there been greater cause for gratulation than exists at the present time. Not a single 'wave of trouble' or discontent, so far as I am advised, exists in any quarter, to disturb the quiet and peace that should and does exist in and between our several subordinate Chapters. That principle that should and does teach good will to all, is universally predominant; all uniting in harmonious action to promote the great principles of Union, Love and Charity. Masonry is Charity. In a world of imperfections and error, where a life of virtue is one of constant struggle, and when vicious influences sometimes gain an ascendancy over even the good, there is need that the mantle of Charity should be thrown widely and lightly over the deviations of the weak. Charity covereth a multitude of sins. There is need that the whole restore the sick; that the strong assume a part of the burdens of the feeble; and that the wise enlighten the darkness of the ignorant. Charity is the crowning grace of Christianity. It is the brightest jewel in the diadem of Masonry, when linked with its inseparable companion, Love.

There is an adaptation in the human heart to one great absorbing, soothing emotion—one for which the vagrant soul is a wandering pilgrim, and for which she would gladly barter fame, wealth and power. This priceless jewel is Love. More than half the battles of earth have been fought for Love. Ambition and power have been its slaves, poetry and eloquence its worshippers, and virtue and piety the most ardent expectants of its rewards. *Love* is the religion of the Bible, and the crowning beauty and glory of Masonry.

Then speed thy mission, MASONRY!
O'er earth diffuse thy mystic LIGHT!
Till universal man shall own,
The law of LOVE, the law of RIGHT!"

Comp. Hazelrigg has also prepared a valuable Table of Statistics of the various Grand Chapters, which, as it is rather

later than that of Comp. Drummond, of Maine, we take the liberty of transferring entire to our report.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

Prepared by H. G. HAZELRIGG, M. E. G. H. Priest, of Indiana.

| Annual Meeting | STATES. | Chapters. | Exalted. | Rejected. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Died. | Present No. | DUES. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 43 | Alabama | 62 | 148 | 13 | 139 | 5 | 38 | 2327 | $591 50 |
| 20 | Arkansas | 35 | 138 | .. | 48 | 2 | 18 | 1273 | 587 00 |
| 16 | California | 36 | 355 | 14 | 22 | 5 | 26 | 1782 | 497 00 |
| 12 | Canada | 35 | 236 | .. | 28 | .. | 9 | 1433 | 1023 80 |
| 72 | Connecticut | 29 | 274 | .. | 1 | 1 | 22 | 3722 | 816 00 |
| 2 | Delaware | 4 | 47 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 165 | 200 00 |
| 3 | District of Columbia | 7 | 138 | 4 | .. | .. | 5 | 773 | 684 00 |
| 22 | Florida | 12 | 45 | .. | .. | . | 11 | 492 | 537 00 |
| .. | Georgia | 50 | 172 | 54 | 12 | 2 | 18 | 2098 | 2618 17 |
| 20 | Illinois | 133 | 869 | .. | 40 | 12 | 71 | 2581 | 5029 00 |
| 24 | Indiana | 63 | 407 | .. | 28 | 8 | 34 | 3018 | 2175 25 |
| 15 | Iowa | 51 | 380 | .. | 4 | 4 | 7 | 2124 | 1824 50 |
| 5 | Kansas | 16 | 85 | 11 | 2 | .. | 1 | 505 | 336 50 |
| 53 | Kentucky | 88 | 366 | 8 | 68 | 9 | 37 | 3472 | 2503 50 |
| 23 | Louisiana | 25 | 143 | 6 | 2 | .. | 33 | 1510 | 972 50 |
| .. | Maine | 33 | 318 | 18 | .. | 1 | 20 | 2790 | 922 00 |
| .. | Maryland | 10 | 121 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 940 | 623 50 |
| .. | Massachusetts | 36 | 519 | .. | 6 | .. | 38 | 5247 | 4075 00 |
| 21 | Michigan | 67 | 675 | 87 | 46 | 6 | 34 | 4995 | 3523 50 |
| 9 | Minnesota | 17 | 144 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... | 432 00 |
| 22 | Mississippi | 76 | 201 | .. | 203 | 4 | 49 | 2565 | 3077 70 |
| 21 | Missouri | 54 | 393 | 32 | 13 | .. | 18 | 2411 | 2887 10 |
| 3 | Nebraska | 5 | 24 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 202 | 234 75 |
| 52 | New Hampshire | 17 | 167 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1594 | 330 00 |
| 13 | New Jersey | 22 | 243 | .. | 21 | 1 | 18 | 1602 | 1197 50 |
| 73 | New York | 171 | 2148 | .. | 339 | 2 | 133 | 14401 | 12115 50 |
| 21 | North Carolina | 15 | 22 | .. | 1 | 1 | 8 | 633 | 284 34 |
| 53 | Ohio | 114 | 802 | .. | 117 | 14 | 46 | 5945 | 2907 25 |
| 9 | Oregon | 5 | 9 | .. | .. | .. | 4 | 161 | ..... |
| 74 | Pennsylvania | 69 | 849 | 38 | 77 | .. | 199 | 6318 | 4320 83 |
| 72 | Rhode Island | 9 | 161 | 29 | .. | 2 | 18 | 1237 | 322 00 |
| 51 | South Carolina | 26 | 135 | .. | 40 | 1 | 7 | 808 | 913 50 |
| .. | Tennessee | 83 | 424 | .. | 46 | 5 | 46 | 3912 | 3985 05 |
| 21 | Texas | 69 | 341 | .. | 130 | 14 | 68 | 3220 | 2258 95 |
| 68 | Vermont | 24 | 128 | .. | 1 | .. | 31 | 1550 | 424 00 |
| 41 | Virginia | 39 | .... | .. | 65 | 2 | 36 | 1665 | 903 50 |
| 20 | Wisconsin | 38 | 169 | 38 | 24 | 1 | 21 | 2298 | 2511 00 |
| | Total | 1645 | 11796 | 356 | 1517 | 105 | 1136 | 96769 | $68644 69 |

We append a comparative Statement of the Statistics for three years, compiled by Comp. Drummond, of Maine.

| | 1870. Gr. Chapters. | 1870. Totals. | 1869. Gr. Chapters. | 1869. Totals. | 1868. Gr. Chapters. | 1868. Totals. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Members | 37 | 96275 | 36 | 87231 | 34 | 75485 |
| Exaltations | 36 | 10433 | 31 | 12550 | 33 | 11959 |
| Admissions, &c | 33 | 1301 | 28 | 1273 | 25 | 1234 |
| Dimissions | 31 | 3214 | 30 | 2763 | 29 | 2617 |
| Expulsions | 32 | 96 | 29 | 82 | 28 | 73 |
| Suspensions | 32 | 451 | 28 | 304 | 29 | 250 |
| Exclusions | 23 | 1272 | 18 | 1353 | 18 | 1288 |
| Deaths | 34 | 930 | 32 | 936 | 31 | 792 |

The Grand Chapter decided that an officer re-elected to the same office should be re-installed, and that a Royal Arch Mason can sit in Lodge with one who has been suspended from a Chapter.

DEATH.—J. R. Mendenhall, P. G. King.

M. E. Comp. Rees. J. Chesnutwood was elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. John M. Bramwell re-elected Grand Secretary.

## IOWA.

The Sixteenth Annual Convocation was held at Clinton, October 15th, 1870. M. E. Comp. Pitkin C. Wright, G. H. P.; R. E. Comp. W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Number of Chapters last year, 51; number of new Chapters formed during year, 9; total number of Chapters, 60; number represented at Grand Chapter, 38; number included in this report, 60; number of Chapters growing, 49; number of Chapters standing still, 4; number of Chapters decreasing, 7. Number of exaltations, 427; admissions, 40; re-instatements, 5; total increase, 572. Number of dimissions, 113; deaths, 16; suspensions, 3; dropped from roll, 15; total decrease, 147—325. Members petitioning for new Chapters, 107. Net increase of members, 432. Income of Grand Chapter from dues and charter fees, $2,138.00; 9 dispensations, $810.00; total income, $2,948.00.

A large amount of local business was transacted, and an interesting and spirited report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Comp. U. D. Taylor. (Query: Is he still "*U.D.*," or has Corson granted him a *Charter?*) The mantle of Comps. Guilbert and Langridge has fallen upon worthy shoulders, and Comp. Taylor is well qualified to sustain the reputation already well-earned by the Reporters of Iowa. Canada for 1869 is noticed, and extracts given from our report.

In his review of Georgia, he thinks that Lecturers have easy times compared with Reporters:

"Now, we have acted in the *role* of Lecturer *some*, and there is considerable fun in that; indeed, there is no greater happiness masonic on this green earth, than to alight from a mud-waggon, at some out-of-the-way ⋈ roads,

chilled, stiff, and benumbed by the long, long ride over Georgia or Iowa *corduroy*, to be greeted by the 'committee,' who have patiently waited the coming of 'His Excellency,' to be ushered into the best room, the easiest chair, on the warmest side of a glowing fire (not the *in*side, as some dull wits wish they had a chance of saying); a glass of 'cider flip,' hot and strong, the warm supper, the steaming hot coffee and *etceteras*, the voluptuous bed, the glorious sleep, the fraternal greetings in the little Lodge-room, next morning, from the eager, thirsty souls awaiting to absorb the words of wisdom as they drop from the lips of the oracle; the friendly contest as to which one shall be honored with the company of the 'Grand' Lecturer at dinner; the general resurrection of hidden sweetmeats; the slaughtering of the feathered innocents. (Ah, my friends, every yellow-legged rooster recognizes the Grand Lecturer quite as easily as he does the circuit rider, and will 'vamose the ranche' as speedily on his approach.) I repeat, there is some fun in all this (for the Lecturer, not the rooster); but to pore over thousands of pages of Grand Chapter reports, some of them three, four, or perhaps five years old, reading all the comings-out and goings-in of each and every one, for fear of omitting something of importance; learning, for the millionth time that the Committee on—say Unfinished Business—had no unfinished business to finish; penciling here, copying there; commending in one place, censuring in another; adding up long columns of figures for some lazy Secretary; again referring to some old report in your masonic library—if you are fortunate enough to have one—to verify a fact, and, after an hour's search, find it no fact at all; writing by daylight, writing by twilight, writing by gas, lamp, or candle-light, or writing at *mid*night, as we write now; then correcting the proof, revising the revised proof; and then calmly (?) sitting on this petard of your own manufacture for a year, expecting every moment to hear that some *good* Companion has touched it off, with his pen, and blown you and your dearly-bought, short-lived masonic literary reputation sky-high. All this *for a* PENNY! Honors *must* be easy, if Companion Lawrence can shoulder the yoke—and wear it. But the Grand Chapter did not wish to impose on the good Companion, and so—*excused him from lecturing.*"

And again, in his review of Illinois:

"Says he is rejoiced to know that Companion Pit. was elected Grand High Priest; also is rejoiced at the re-election of Langridge to the Grand Secretaryship. We are sorry that we cannot rejoice with Companion R. in the latter case; had said election resulted differently, we would not now (time, 2 A. M.) have been walking the floor in our night-clothes, carrying our youngest, aged eighteen months (sick with whooping-cough), with a copy of Transactions in hand, eagerly conning the same for 'items;' while our maternal, in an adjoining room, is vigorously pounding the elder Scion of the house of Taylor on his back, to keep the poor boy from

choking to death. We have also the blessed prospect of meeting at our office, a late hour in the forenoon, at least a half-dozen patients, wondering 'Why some doctors always *will* never stay in their offices, when he ought to know how I'm sufferin'?' If that is not a sample of the 'pursuit of knowledge under difficulties,' we have never heard of a case. The three weary sojourners we wot of, enjoyed elysium compared with us—and Langridge is at the bottom of all our troubles. Never mind; we'll get a turn on his favorite eye-tooth some day, and then ——."

But we have enjoyed exceedingly his reception of Comp. Corson, of New Jersey. It is humorous in the extreme:

"And now comes Companion Corson, with his annual report, and we freely admit, in the beginning, that we approach him as the boy did the porcupine, not knowing exactly by which 'tail to take hold of him.' Of course we shall

'Pick him up tenderly,
Handle with care,'
Lay him down easily,
*Hope he'll stay there.*

But we have heard of a hope that 'maketh the heart sick.'"

And in commenting on Tennessee, he says:

"The Committee on Dispensations recommended, and the Grand Chapter granted, dispensations to three additional subordinate Chapters—one called 'Uncle Jack,' No. 91. Why did not the Committee also recommend a copy of Webster's unabridged, with a leaf turned down at 'Bathos?' 'But what's the use?' This same Committee recommended, *and the Grand Chapter granted*, a dispensation to 'Big Bottom' Chapter, No. 94. Hope *that* dispensation will 'set' well. How much more appropriate, and in every way preferable, would have been a masonic name."

M. E. Comp. Zephaniah C. Luse was elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. W. B. Langridge re-elected Grand Secretary.

## KANSAS.

The Sixth Annual Convocation was held at Atchison, October 18th, 1870. M. E. Comp. Owen A. Bassett, G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 17; represented, 15; admitted, 20; exalted, 91; dimitted, 17; suspended, 3; died, 3; re-instated, 1;

rejected, 10; members, 610. Dues, $395.00; receipts, $509.15; balance on hand, $602.81.

The G. H. P. recommends that subordinate Chapters should be prohibited from acting on a petition the same night it is received. We should think so. He takes strong ground against the proposition that petitioners for a new Chapter should have dimits: in which we think he is right, as the new Chapter might never receive a Charter, and then the petitioners would become unaffiliated against their wishes. He decided that

"There is no existing regulation or decision preventing a Royal Arch Chapter from appearing in a body in public procession, on funeral or other occasions of a masonic character; but it is recommended not to do so at funerals, if the Companions are permitted to appear in the Lodge procession, as indicated by the burial service adopted by the Grand Lodge, and published in the Proceedings of 1866."

And he mentions the fact of the Commandery having a burial service. The better opinion seems to be, that the only proper and masonic burial service is that belonging to the *Lodge*.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

"That the practice of collecting affiliation fee from regular Royal Arch Masons is unmasonic, and its continuance in subordinate Chapters is hereby prohibited by this Grand Chapter."

And

"That a petition for the Capitular Degrees must lay over at least one regular Convocation, and that not more than two Degrees be conferred upon the same candidate at one and the same Convocation, and no further Degrees shall be conferred on the same candidate until the next regular Convocation thereof."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, and includes Canada for 1869. Would Comp. Carr be kind enough to send two copies of their Proceedings to our Grand Secretary in future?

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

## LOUISIANA.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at New Orleans on the 14th February, 1871. M. E. Comp. Hugh Breen, G.H.P.; and R. E. Comp. J. C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 25; represented, 18; members, 1,577; exalted, 133; affiliated, 18; dimitted, 53; suspended, 4; stricken from the roll, 24; died, 51; re-instated, 5. Receipts, $1,995.00; balance in treasury, $1,838.92.

In the Address of the G. H. P., we find the following paragraph:

"There has been no rage for making Royal Arch Masons, and the prosperous condition of our Chapters generally has relieved from duty those ardent, but indiscreet, Companions who are sometimes anxious to build up the financial condition of their Bodies by gathering into our Tabernacle, from the highways and byways of Symbolic Masonry, every stray brother who is able to spend or borrow enough money to pay his way to his exaltation. I regard the number of rejections reported by our Grand Secretary as a most healthy augury for the future of our Order in Louisiana."

The representative system is fully adopted by Louisiana, commissions having been issued to twenty-seven Companions at sister Grand Chapters.

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was recognized, and the usual local business transacted.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again by Comp. Joseph P. Hornor, of New Orleans, whom we are glad to congratulate on his elevation to the dignity of Deputy G. H. P. He gives an interesting synopsis of the Proceedings of twenty-four Grand Chapters, including a fraternal notice of Canada for 1870.

Only one copy of these Proceedings has reached here, which our Grand Secretary requires to file. The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was recognized by our Grand Chapter in 1870, by the adoption of the report of the Executive Committee on the Address of the M. E. Grand Z., which report contained a clause to that effect.

M. E. Comp. M. E. Girard was elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. J. C. Batchelor, M. D., was re-elected Grand Secretary.

## MAINE.

The Annual Convocation was held at Portland, on the 3rd May, 1870. M. E. Comp. Joseph Pearson Gill, G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Returns from 33 Chapters, all represented. The amount received for dues is, $922.00. 318 exaltations; 2,790 members; 58 non-affiliated; 18 rejected; 1 expelled; 38 dimitted; and 20 deceased. The increase in membership since last year, appears to be 237. Total receipts, $1,012.00; balance on hand, $766.75. The charity fund investments amount to $3,302.51; from which the income available for charitable uses is, $289.89.

During his year of office, the G. H. P. was visited with severe domestic afflictions, and received the sympathetic condolences of the Companions. He reports the issue of twelve dispensations, to confer the Degrees out of time. His decisions were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who, according to the practice prevailing in that jurisdiction, do not report thereon until the next Annual Convocation. Two of them are as follows:

"1. A candidate was regularly proposed and accepted, and received the first three Degrees; a member then objects to his receiving the R. A. Degree, refusing to give his reasons.

ANS. The candidate having received a part of the Degrees, the objections must be made known to the Chapter, and the case decided by a majority vote.

2. A member of a Lodge applies to a Chapter for the Degrees. The Lodge is not within the jurisdiction of the Chapter, but the applicant's home is nearer that Chapter than to any other. Where does he belong?

ANS. If the Brother who made application to the Chapter lives nearer to that one than to any other, by the usually travelled route (not by an air line or any difficult or unusual route), he is within the jurisdiction of that Chapter. The jurisdiction of Chapters has no reference to Lodges, and therefore does not necessarily exclude or include all or any of the members of any specified Lodge, but extends half way, by the usually travelled route, to the nearest Chapter."

Our Companions in Maine appear to be rather exercised over the question of "substitutes," and to be in some terrible danger of contamination by visiting in New Brunswick. To declare all Scotch Royal Arch Masons clandestine, would be rather a huge joke, and we are glad to see that the G. H. P. took a sensible view of the matter. He says:

"There is a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in St. Stephens, N. B., opposite the town of Calais in this State, working under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. By the regulations of that Grand Chapter, only two actual candidates are allowed in the Royal Arch Degree, the place of the third being filled by the Principal Sojourner, who appears in the same clothing. The members of that Chapter, and those of the Chapter in Calais, have been always in the practice of exchanging visits. Since the adoption of the standing regulations last May, in relation to substitutes, the question has arisen as to the lawfulness of fraternizing with them. This regulation has given rise to a doubt whether those exalted in that Chapter are regularly made R. A. Masons, according to our view of the matter, and whether they should be allowed to visit in any of our Chapters; and even if this point is not disputed, and they are allowed to visit us, the further question still remains, whether we can visit them under our obligations, 'not to be present, &c.' I submit these questions for the decision of the Grand Chapter. I understand that the Grand Chapter of Maine has never recognized, by any act of its own, the Grand Chapter of Scotland. The time has now arrived when action should be taken in regard to such recognition or non-recognition, in order to a a determination of the questions proposed.

While awaiting such action, and for the purpose of enabling the Companions in that neighborhood to act according to their custom heretofore, without coming in conflict with conscientious scruples, I have officially expressed the opinion that it is proper for members of our Chapter to visit those working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and also to receive on visit their members, until some decision of our own Grand Chapter is arrived at; for the reason, that if they are regular Chapters of R. A. Masons, which they appear to be, they ought not to be treated as clandestine, nor their members as irregular R. A. Masons. Although our obligations would seem to prohibit such an exchange of visits, it does not on the other hand appear reasonable that a tie not generally sanctioned or considered essential, according to our interpretation, by the general body of the Order, either in the United States or in foreign jurisdictions, should operate to the prejudice of those working under jurisdictions differing from us in that particular. This opinion was not intended to be final, and I now present it for final action by this Grand Body."

The whole subject was referred to a Special Committee, who, after a year's cogitation, will doubtless arrive at a happy deliverance.

Canada for 1869 receives a first-class notice from Comp. Drummond, in his very able and satisfactory report on Correspondence; and several extracts are made from our Proceedings and reports.

In his review of Maryland, he is quite sound on the "restoration" question, and agrees with our views as expressed last year. He says:

"We do *not* hold that when a Grand Chapter *restores* an expelled Mason, it can also restore him to membership; but we do hold that when a Grand Chapter reverses the proceedings of a subordinate for illegality, the attempted expulsion becomes a nullity, and he remains a member: so when the case is remanded for a new trial, the loss of membership depends upon the result of the second trial."

We find the following hit in his comment on Rhode Island:

"'This Grand Body *considered* that the General Grand Chapter had ceased to exist,' &c. This reminds us of the old story of teacher and pupil. *Teacher.*—'John, how many legs has a calf if we *consider* his tail a leg?' *John.*—'Four.' *Teacher.*—'How do you make that out, you blockhead?' *John.*—'Cause, *considering* his tail a leg don't make it one.' We think John had better go to Rhode Island."

M. E. Comp. Stephen J. Young was elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. Ira Berry was re-elected Grand Secretary.

## MARYLAND.

The Annual Convocation was held at Baltimore, November 14th, 1870. Through a severe accident, the G. H. P., M. E. Comp. C. H. Ohr, was prevented from attending the meeting; and his Deputy, R. E. Comp. E. T. Schultz, presided; with R. E. Comp. W. A. Wentz, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—10 Chapters, all represented; exalted, 84; affiliated, 12; re-instated, 2; withdrawn, 13; died, 11; dismissed, N. P. D., 19; suspended, 2; members, 935. Dues, $595.50; receipts, $645.60; balance on hand, $368.23.

The Grand Chapters of Delaware and Nova Scotia were recognized, and the "work" was exemplified and adopted.

It was decided not to separate the Council Degrees from the other work of the Chapter; and that a Grand Lecturer should be appointed.

DEATHS.—James Bruster, Past Grand Scribe; and B. B. French, P. G. H. P. of the District of Columbia.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. H. L. Emmons, Jr., and consists principally of extracts, without comments; for which the following reason is given:

"In submitting their report, your Committee desire to state that while holding decided views upon the most important subjects presented for consideration, they have hesitated to give the reasons for the faith that is in them, under the impression that the opinions expressed by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence are frequently taken by the passing reader as the sentiments of the Grand Chapter appointing them, instead of the individual opinions of the Companions oonstituting the Committee. But should your Committee be re-appointed, these opinions may be stated, and the reasons for entertaining them given,—due care being taken that where these are at variance with the action of this Grand Chapter, that fact shall clearly appear."

Canada for 1869 and 1870 receives a fraternal notice.

M. E. Comp. C. H. Ohr was re-elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. W. A. Wentz re-elected Grand Secretary.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

This Grand Chapter meets quarterly. At the three Quarterly Convocations, we find several new Chapters were granted dispensations, and charitable donations to different individuals were made, and also to the Boston Masonic Board of Relief.

The Annual Convocation was held at Boston, on the 13th December, 1870. M. E. Comp. Henry Chickering, G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 49; represented, 40; exalted, 664; dimitted, 77; died, 50; suspended, 5; discharged, 52; members,

6,129; increase, 414. Receipts, $3,433.81; cash on hand, $2,346.96; total property, $6,646.69.

The G. H. P. delivered a full report of the condition of Capitular Masonry in his jurisdiction. The following strikes us as rather a good idea, though novel:

"In one Chapter I found a practice which may, perhaps, prevail in others, though I am not aware of it, in reference to the referring of petitions for Degrees and membership, which strikes me favorably, and which I therefore mention. Instead of announcing publicly the names of the Committee to whom a petition is referred, the High Priest appoints them privately, and either himself, or through the Secretary, notifies each one, without informing him who the others of the Committee are. Each one investigates the case himself, and reports to the High Priest in writing,—so that whatever the report may be, the author of it is not known except to the High Priest, and, perhaps, the Secretary. Thus the report of the Committee, as well as the ballot, is secret; and it seems to me this will tend to make Committees more free and independent to express their real judgment of the merits of a candidate, without fear of being compromised."

Our next extract from these Proceedings also contains a novelty; but one which we can hardly recommend to be followed as a precedent. The italics are ours.

"Comp. William W. Baker announced that a petition, with the proper recommendation and vouchers accompanying it, had been placed in his hands, praying for authority to open and hold a Chapter at Gloucester, under the name of William Ferson Chapter, *and as he had forgotten to bring it with him*, he therefore moved that it be referred to a Committee, with instructions to report to the Grand High Priest, who should be authorized to issue a dispensation, on receiving a favorable report.

The motion was adopted, and the subject was referred to William W. Baker, Richard Briggs, and Alfred F. Chapman, who made the following report, as directed, and a dispensation was issued as recommended:

The undersigned, a Commitee appointed to examine the petition of certain Companions of Gloucester, to form a new Chapter at that place, to be called William Ferson Chapter, have attended to that duty, *and find the document in proper form and frame, and accompanied with the necessary permissions and recommendations* from Washington Chapter, of Salem,—they, therefore, respectfully recommend that a dispensation be issued.

WILLIAM W. BAKER.
RICHARD BRIGGS.
A. F. CHAPMAN."

A suitable testimonial was voted to be presented to Comp. Peter C. Jones, Grand Treasurer for eighteen years.

Comp. John W. Dadmun submits an extensive and elaborate report on Foreign Correspondence. It covers over ninety pages, and reviews forty-five volumes.

He quotes from our report for 1870, and pays us the following compliment:

"Companion Robertson is a thorough masonic student, well versed in masonic jurisprudence, and it is difficult to catch him napping on any subject relating to the Royal Craft in any part of the world."

We find the following in reply to our remarks of 1869, regarding the nomenclature of the three first officers:

"Last year, Companion Robertson referred Companion Horner to the records of St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston, 'where we think,' he said, 'he will find the system there pursued (1769) as they received it, and as we have it now.' Since then, we have examined these records, and now submit all that relates to this subject.

The first meeting of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, or 'Royal Arch Lodge,' as it was then called, recorded, was held August 28, 1769. The titles of the officers were the same as the titles of the officers in the Blue Lodge, with the exception that occasionally the first officer is called, in the records, 'Royal Arch Master,' instead of Worshipful Master.

At this early period of Royal Arch Masonry in Boston, the records show that the Degrees of Excellent, Super-Excellent, and Royal Arch, were conferred in the 'Royal Arch Lodge,' which was a distinct organization, governed by specific rules.

The first record that shows any change in the titles of the officers, was made April 1, 1789, under the heading, 'Original Members,' as follows:

M. E. William McKeen.....High Priest.
John Symes.....King.
John Jenkins .....Scribe, &c.

All the officers bear the same titles that are now given in this jurisdiction. The records are very brief, and it is quite evident that the change in titles was made previous to the above date.

November 28, 1793, the Degree of Mark Master was connected with the other Degrees conferred in the 'Royal Arch Lodge.'

January 30, 1794, the words 'Royal Arch Chapter' were used for the first time in recording the doings of the Chapter.

March 10, 1795, a Conference was held with a Committee of King Cyrus Chapter, Newburyport, 'which resulted in establishing a uniformity of work and lectures by the two Chapters.'

Thus it will be seen that Companion Robertson will not find anything in the records of St. Andrew's Chapter to support the position he has taken; and it is equally certain that these titles were not given by 'those notorious Degree-tinkers, Webb, Gleason, Fowle, and Company,' as he 'presumed' they were in his last year's report."

All this is no answer to the *fact* that a change *was made.* The re-print recently issued by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania (noticed below) commencing in 1767, clearly proves this. When or by whom the alteration was made, is of little moment. Our position is that we have adhered to the ancient titles as we received them, and have not changed. And if our Companions over the border are satisfied with the change they have made, we have no reason to complain, as long as it is not alleged that we are historically incorrect.

We had written thus far when we were met, and almost overcome, by an opposition thunderbolt from Nova Scotia, which will be given in its proper place. We will only say here, that the truth is above all things to be desired; and we would ask our Companions who have opportunities of examining ancient documents (which we have not), to "prosecute their researches" diligently, and if they make any "discoveries of importance," to "immediately report them to the Grand Sanhedrim sitting in Council." Much light might then be thrown upon this *quæstio vexata.*

We approve of the following:

"'A member objects.' Has he received any new light? If so, the Chapter ought to have the benefit of it. If it is of that nature that it should be kept a secret, *they* can keep a secret as well as he: if not, they ought to be expelled, every one of them.

If the objecting member is a professional man, M. D., D. D., or even '*General*,' and bound not to divulge, let him, on his honor as a Mason, state *that* fact, and there is no Chapter but that would sustain him."

M. E. Comp. Henry Chickering was re-elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. Alfred F. Chapman was re elected Grand Secretary.

## MICHIGAN.

The Twenty-second Annual Convocation was held at Detroit, January 9th, 1871. M. E. Comp. Charles H. Brown, G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 75; exalted, 504; rejected, 114; admitted, 64; suspended, 13; dimitted, 113; expelled, 7; died, 52. Receipts, $4,488.50; balance, $1,056.41.

In opening his Address, the G. H. P. thus alludes to the Franco-Prussian war:

"We, on this side of the great waters, have been exempt, during the past year, from the blighting results of war and civil commotion, while two of the most powerful of European nations have been and still are arrayed against each other in deadly strife, and many, many homes have been made desolate by the loss of their first-born. We have dwelt in peace and security, while the torch and the shell have destroyed vast districts and towns, which, but one short year ago, were full of the pride of beauty and prosperity. But it is a source of melancholy satisfaction to know, as we do, that, amid the carnage of the battle-field, the mute symbols of our Order rarely fail to secure, for the dying and the dead, those kind offices for which poor humanity should never plead in vain."

He issued seven dispensations for new Chapters,—three to hold elections of officers, and four to confer the Degrees out of time.

Czar Jones, a Past G. H. P., was expelled for circulating, or attempting to circulate, keys.

Almost a conflict of authority having arisen between the G.H.P. and the Deputy, the following resolution was adopted:

"RESOLVED,—That the D. G. H. P. is authorized to grant letters of dispensation for the organization of subordinate Chapters, under and by virtue of the provisions of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and the Constitution of this Grand Chapter."

Which leaves the matter as it was, and a contest is still imminent. Suppose one officer refuses a dispensation which the other grants —who is to be obeyed? Here is a fine chance for an argument,

and we beg respectfully to hand it over to Companions Gouley and Hornor. But is not this one of the difficulties arising from there *being* a General Grand Chapter? The general rule that a Deputy can only act in the absence of his Chief, would doubtless apply here, except for a provision to the contrary in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter upon which the Jurisprudence Committee of Michigan founded their action and the above resolution.

A good Correspondence report by the Grand Secretary, contains Canada for 1870.

M. E. Comp. Hugh McCurdy was elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. J. Eastman Johnson re-elected Grand Secretary.

## MISSOURI.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at St. Louis, October 5th, 1870. M. E. Comp. John F. Houston, G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 67; represented, 43; exalted, 478; affiliated, 82; dimitted, 160; died, 30; suspended, 22; expelled, 3; re-instated, 3; rejected, 38; membership returned, 2,859; membership estimated and not returned, 150; total membership, 3,009; increase since last report, 598; Chapters failing to make returns, 3. Receipts, $4,565.00; balance, $3,778.46.

From the Address of the G. H. P., we extract the following:

"But a few years have elapsed, my Companions, since our fathers made their appearance in this beautiful valley; the richest and, by nature, the most beautiful on the face of the globe. Then it was the abode of the prowling beast of the forest and the wild, untutored Indian. What now do we see? The advance of science, the increase of intelligence, and the spread of knowledge, have congregated here over three hundred and twelve thousand souls, and thousands are coming who have but as yesterday heard of our delightful abode, of the peaceful homes and pleasant vineyards of our adopted Judah, beside the flow of that mighty river whose waters, fifty years ago, had only been disturbed by the floating barge or the Indian canoe."

In his conclusion, he appears to have a premonition of his approaching end, which proved only too true. Comp. Houston died just two months after the meeting. "He was a Freemason in heart, in soul, and in practice." We quote the conclusion referred to:

"Now, my Companions, I have submitted an imperfect and desultory account of my stewardship, the last, probably, that I shall ever be required to submit within an earthly 'Tabernacle,' and I fraternally ask an interest in the prayers of all sincere Royal Arch Masons, that I may so live that when this earthly tabernacle shall be dissolved, I may have a home not made with hands—eternal and in the Heavens."

Resolutions were adopted as under:

"1. Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Grand Chapter that substitution is not opposed to the landmarks of Capitular Masonry; that while it is desirable to have a full class, yet substitution is fully allowable.

2. Resolved,—That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, the habitual use of ardent spirits as a beverage, and the unguarded use of the name of Deity, are alike in total subversion of the principles of Capitular Masonry; and Companions who are guilty of either should be considered liable to reproof, exhortation, and if persisted in, to Capitular discipline."

The sum of $250 was appropriated to the St. Louis Masonic Board of Relief, and $100 donated to the widow of a deceased Companion.

The report on Correspondence is as usual by the Grand Secretary. Canada for 1869 is kindly noticed. As to the Past Master's Degreee, Comp. Gouley says:

"The subject of the Past Master's Degree is demanding considerable attention in the State Grand Bodies, and, as far as we can judge, we think that the general desire is to remove it from the Chapter, and let it rest under the control of the Grand Lodges, where it properly belongs. We are a firm believer that all history, tradition, and analogy, point to it as the only Degree or ceremony conferred under the Ancient Regulations, in the Grand Lodge, preparatory to investing an elected Master with the dignity of his office; and that it was surreptitiously abstracted and appropriated by Lawrence Dermot, to give character and importance to his schismatic body; and that it has no more place, properly, in a Chapter which works in harmony with the Lodge, than has any of the Craft Degrees; therefore, we offer the following resolution:

RESOLVED,—That the Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Missouri in the General Grand Chapter of the United States, in September, 1871, be and are hereby instructed to vote for the proposed amendment to the General Constitution whereby the Past Master's Degree will be eliminated from the Chapter work.

The relationship of this Grand Body with all the others of the United States and Canada is of the most fraternal character, so far as we have been able to learn through the office of Correspondent, and with the hope that it may so ever continue."

M. E. Comp. J.M. Fox was elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley re-elected Grand Secretary.

## NEBRASKA.

The Third Annual Convocation was held at Nebraska City, October 25th, 1869. M. E. Comp. D. H. Wheeler, G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. C. S. Demary as Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 5; exalted, 24; admitted, 5; dimitted, 5; members, 202. Dues, $234.75; receipts, $324.75; balance on hand, $494.82.

The G. H. P. reports one new Chapter organized, and recommends the appointment of a Committee to decide upon the "true work," which shall be disseminated by the Grand Lecturer. The Grand Chapter appointed such Committee, who should report to the Grand Chapter.

The system of representation was adopted.

A brief report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Comp. Geo. B. Graff, in which Canada for 1868 is noticed.

M. E. Comp. R. C. Jordan was elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. R. W. Furnas, Grand Secretary.

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## 1870.

The Fourth Annual Convocation was held at Plattsmouth, June 20th, 1870. R. E. Comp. E. A. Allen, D. G. H. P., presiding; and R. E. Comp. R. W. Furnas, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 5; exalted, 21; admitted, 3; members, 264. Dues, $208.92; receipts, $667.26; balance on hand, $713.17.

The G. H. P. having left the jurisdiction, the duties of his office were performed by the Deputy. Two new Chapters were organized during the year.

Certificates of life membership were ordered to be issued to eleven Companions.

The Committee on uniformity of work reported that they had agreed upon a work, and were ready to exemplify it; but owing to the extreme heat, the exemplification was dispensed with, and the work as agreed upon was adopted.

M. E. Comp. E. A. Allen was elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. R. W. Furnas was re-elected Grand Secretary.

## NEW JERSEY.

The Fourteenth Annual Convocation was held at Trenton, September 14th, 1870. M. E. Comp. D. S. Battey, G. H. P.; R. E. Comp. John Woolverton, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—None are given except the numbers of members of each subordinate Chapter, which we have no time to add up. Receipts, $1,188.00; balance on hand, $1,600.64.

In his Address, the G. H. P. has the following:

"It is also a pleasure with me to offer to the Grand Chapter my congratulations on the continued prosperity of the Order throughout the jurisdiction, not only as regards the accession of numbers to our membership, but also by the addition of two subordinate Chapters.

It is also gratifying to announce that nothing has occurred during the year to mar the general prosperity, or blight the rising hopes, of our extended Order. Peace and harmony reign throughout the jurisdiction. And, cheered on our course by such pleasing considerations, may we not anticipate that our legislation will be characterized in its immediate, as well as remote effects, by a reference to the great responsibilities that rest upon us?"

His decisions during the year were :

"1. A Chapter holding two or more Regular Convocations in the month of December, and one of them occurring on St. John the Evangelist's day, the election of officers should take place at the Convocation next preceding.

2. A Chapter having established a by-law, denying to those members who are in arrears for dues the right to vote at the annual election of officers, must be observed. Its operations cannot be suspended.

3. A Royal Arch Mason having been expelled from the Lodge of which he was a member, no action is necessary on the part of the Chapter, except that the High Priest direct the Secretary to mention the fact in his book of minutes.

4. A Chapter may remove its place of meeting from one locality to another, within the city, town or village, specified in its Warrant, by a majority vote.

5. A new Chapter having been instituted, the petitioners, in order to be enrolled as members thereof, must sever their membership with other Chapters by dimitting.

6. The High Priest of a Chapter is justified in not conferring the Degrees upon a candidate, when by any cause the candidate renders himself amenable to the laws of the Fraternity, which would involve his suspension or expulsion."

The Deputy G. H. P., the Grand King and Grand Scribe, each report on a number of visitations to subordinate Chapters, and appear to have performed their official duties with zeal and energy,—to which is no doubt owing in a great measure the prosperity of the Craft there.

The representative system was adopted.

Comp. Thomas J. Corson, "the inimitable," presents one of his capital reports on Correspondence, covering over one hundred pages, and full of "good things." All the Grand Chapters on this continent are reviewed, including Canada for 1869. From the notice of Louisiana, we take the following extracts :

"Whew! here is richness in a concentrated form—mercury at 94° in a Far-in-heat thermometer (shades of Shadrach, Meshech and Abednego—preserve us from deliquescence) baby rolling around the office floor—wife busy preserving in immense quantities, in anticipation of a visit from

Horner—patients persistently pestering to be visited—perspiration pouring down our wrinkled cheeks, so that we must literally earn as well as eat our bread in the 'sweat of our face'—flies with red-hot feet inflicting indescribable torments, paying no attention to the urgent request, 'shoo fly, don't bodder me'—gnats innumerable running over our paper—ice-water all gone—and yet here are forty odd pages of fine print to be examined and commented upon in the shape of a report on Correspondence by Companion Joseph P. Horner.

We will fortify ourself for this task, compared with which the cleansing of the Augean stables was mere play, by singing the following melting strains:

'Oh for a lodge in a garden of cucumbers!
Oh for an iceberg or two at control!
Oh for a vale which at midday the dew cumbers!
Oh for a pleasure trip up to the Pole!

Oh for a little one-story thermometer,
With nothing but Zeroes all ranged in a row!
Oh for a big double-barrelled hygrometer,
To measure this moisture that rolls from my brow!

Oh that this cold world were twenty times colder!
(That's irony red-hot, it seemeth to me)
Oh for a turn of its dreaded cold shoulder!
Oh what a comfort an ague would be!'"

* * * "He scolds Drummond fiercely for quoting what he gently calls Corson's 'doggerel.' Now let us see of what stuff this critic is made. When we wrote one of our effusions, and purposely put quotation marks thereto, to set a trap for him, he was loud in his praises of its beauty and sublimity; but when we quote from Milton, and for the same purpose leave off the quotation marks, he condemns it as 'wretched doggerel.' Now *we* can stand this very complacently, but we do think that it is rather hard on Mr. Milton. If he has 'no music in his soul,' of course he cannot appreciate our melliflous strains, and we pity him."

M. E. Comp. M. Higginbotham was elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. John Woolverton re-elected Grand Secretary.

## NORTH CAROLINA.

The Twenty-second Annual Convocation was held at Wilmington, November 30th, 1870. M. E. Comp. William Murdoch, G.H.P.; and R. E. Comp. Thomas B. Carr, Grand Secretary.

No summary of statistics is given. Receipts, $301.25; balance on hand, $246.02.

The G. H. P. reports that

"Many of the Chapters have not yet recovered from the severe ordeal they had to pass through during the war, and several of those that are at work are in a very crippled condition on account of funds."

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

The pamphlet before us contains the minutes of the organization and First Annual Convocation; also the Proceedings of the Committee of General Purposes, and the Correspondence regarding the formation of this Grand Chapter.

The Convention met at Halifax, October 14th, 1869. The Grand Chapter was formed, officers elected and installed, and a Constitution adopted—three Chapters participating in the proceedings.

The First Annual Convocation was held at Halifax, June 23rd, 1870. The Grand King, R. E. Comp. S. R. Sircom, presided; and R. E. Comp. James Gossip, Grand Secretary. The G. H. P., M. E. Comp. the Hon. Alexander Keith, was unable, through illness, to attend.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 3; exaltations, 40; affiliations, 2; dimissions, 11. Receipts (including loans), $312.50; balance on hand, $164.21.

An excellent report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by our friend Comp. J. Conway Brown, formerly Grand Superintendent under this Grand Chapter, and whom we cordially welcome to the reportorial ranks. He reviews, in an interesting and readable manner, the Proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters, including ours for 1868 and 1869. In his notice of our report for 1869, we find the following:

"In reviewing the Proceedings of Louisiana, he raises the question of the titles of the three first officers of a Chapter, and defends the Canadian practice of styling them Z., H., and J. To support his arguments, he brings up an old document from that masonic eccentricity, Pennsylvania, bearing date A. D. 1798, and containing the letters Z., H., and J. We can

go back farther than that; for in the records of Royal Union Chapter, formerly 118, R. E., but now No. 1, R. N. S., we find, in 1797,—Duncan Clark, H. P.; Adam Fife, K.; and Robert Lyon, S. This Adam Fife is referred to by Sheville and Gould as having first conferred the Mark Degree on this continent, in 1781. We hope ere long to make such researches among our old records as will throw some light on this interesting subject."

In Pennsylvania, the change to H. P., K., and S., appears to have been made about 1824; it may have been made in Nova Scotia long before that date. We still insist that we are historically correct, and we look with interest for the results of Comp. Brown's further researches.

M. E. Comp. the Hon. Alexander Keith was re-elected G.H.P.; and R. E. Comp. James Gossip re-elected Grand Secretary.

## OHIO.

The Fifty-third Annual Convocation was held at Cleveland, October 15th, 1869. M. E. Comp. Charles C. Kiefer, G. H. P.; R. E. Comp. John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary.

Statistics.—Chapters, 114; members (1868) 5,945; exalted, 802; re-instated, 35; withdrawn, 275; died, 46; suspended, 117; expelled, 14. Dues, $3,452.25; receipts, $3,780.08; balance in treasury, $4,809.15.

From the Address of the G. H. P., we learn that peace and tranquillity prevail, and that six new Chapters have been established.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. W. M. Cunningham. Our Proceedings do not appear to have been received.

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

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## 1870.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Cincinnati, September 13th, 1870. M. E. Comp. Charles C. Kiefer, G.H.P.; R. E. Comp. John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 120; exalted, 679; admitted, 79; re-instated, 55; withdrawn, 301; died, 71; suspended, 154; expelled, 10; members, 6,604. Receipts, $3,632.25; balance in treasury, $4,429.52.

The G. H. P. is in favor of abolishing the Past Master's Degree from the Chapter, for the following reasons:

"First.—Its original design was not a Degree (nor was it so used), but an *honor* or *distinction* conferred on the incumbent of an office.

Second.—It has no elements of a *Degree*. It is simply the ceremony of inducting a Master into his office. There is nothing about it necessarily secret, except its covenant and means of recognition. The *latter* are practically useless.

Third.—It is of no interest to one passing through the Chapter, because there is nothing of importance communicated, either in itself or relatively to other Degrees; besides, it adds to the expense and labor, while it only cumbers the way to the 'Holy Royal Arch.' The Order of Priesthood can only be conferred on those elected High Priests. It is *their* exclusive privilege. In harmony with that arrangement, the *honor* of 'Past Master' should be the exclusive property of Masters or Past Masters of Lodges.

Fourth.—The only possible objection to its abrogation, is that the covenant every Royal Arch Mason has taken is in the way; and yet I believe that the power or body that *enacted* the law requiring it, can *repeal* the law, and release from the claims created in the past. It is an *enacted*, not an *original*, *necessary*, or *inherent* law.

Fifth.—So modified, with the 'Past Master's Degree' confined to Masters of Lodges, our American system would be simplified—more in harmony with itself. So modified, in a few years no one would be found who would have it restored under any consideration."

It having been found that the consent of a Chapter to the estsblishment of a new one near it was liable to be obtained only by the votes of the petitioners for such new Chapter, these resolutions were passed, viz.:

"RESOLVED,—That all applications to a Chapter for its consent and recommendation for the establishment of a new Chapter, shall be presented at a stated meeting, and lie over to the next stated meeting, when a vote on the question may be had.

Resolved,—That it is the duty of the M. E. Grand High Priest, whenever, in his opinion, any unfair or undue means have been taken to obtain the consent and recommendation of a Chapter for the establishment of a new Chapter, to refuse a dispensation, or if a dispensation has been granted, to recall it."

Comp. J. Kelly O'Neal submits an able review of the Proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters. Canada for 1869 receives a kindly notice.

We regret to learn of the death of Comp. Howard Mathews,

"For many years a member of this Grand Body, and for several years Chairman of our Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in which position he had acquired an enviable reputation, both at home and abroad. He also held an elevated position in the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and other masonic bodies. Companion Mathews died at the city of Cincinnati, March 16th."

M. E. Comp. Charles C. Kiefer was re-elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. James Nesbitt was elected Grand Secretary.

## OREGON.

The Tenth Annual Convocation was held at Astoria, June 17th, 1870. M. E. Comp. James R. Bayley, G. H. P.; R. E. Comp. R. P. Earhart, Grand Secretary.

Statistics.—Chapters, 5; exalted, 17; dimitted, 6; suspended, 1; died, 2; admitted, 2; re-instated, 1. Dues, $263.00; receipts, $215.00; balance on hand, $591.13.

The representative system was adopted.

On motion, it was

"Resolved,—That being suspended or stricken from the rolls by a Symbolic Lodge for any cause, operates as a suspension in the Chapter."

Also

"Resolved,—That no petition for the Degrees, or for affiliation in a subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction, shall be entertained, unless the applicant at the time is a member in good standing in some regular Symbolic Lodge."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. S. F. Chadwick, in which Canada does not appear.

DEATH.—John H. Couch, Grand Treasurer, January 19th, 1870.

The G. H. P. and G. Secretary were re-elected.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

The large volume before us is an abstract of the Proceedings from 1767 to 1864, and forms an intensely interesting and valuable history of Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania from a remote date. It is a useful and acceptable addition to our masonic library, and we beg to tender our thanks for the same.

The work was prepared by a Committee appointed last year, who in their report say:

"The destruction of the Masonic Hall, by fire, in the year 1819, caused great loss to the Masons of Pennsylvania, in the burning of nearly all their old records. From the minutes of the Royal Arch Lodge, No. 3, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, we have gleaned the following up to December, 1812, from which time the records of the Grand Chapter are perfect.

It is with great pleasure that we are able to present records which prove beyond question that Chapter No. 3 (now Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3), of Philadelphia, is the oldest Royal Arch Chapter in the United States, and that the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania was the first Grand Chapter organized in this country.

The earliest records of Royal Arch Lodge, No. 3, now in the possession of Lodge, No. 3, dated December 3, 1767, read, 'that the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved;' thus showing that there was an older book of minutes which had been mislaid or destroyed.

*The minutes of Lodge No. 3 are perfect and complete from December 3, 1767, to the present date.*

The *Ahiman Rezon*, edition of 1825, page 79, says:

'The first Royal Arch Chapter of America of which we possess a particular account is that held in Pennsylvania, anterior to the year 1758. This Chapter, working under the warrant of No. 3, was recognized by and had communion with a Military Chapter, working under warrant 351, granted by the Grand Lodge of England; and its proceedings were subsequently approved by that honorable body, as appears from a communication from its Deputy Grand Master Dermott.'

The records of the Grand Lodge show that, on November 23, 1795, the Grand Chapter was opened under the immediate sanction of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Chapter met under the above sanction until January 5, 1824, at which time it became independent.

As a matter of interest to the Royal Arch Masons of this jurisdiction, we give the following dates of formation of several of the oldest subordinate and Grand Chapters in the United States:

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| Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, Philadelphia | Anterior to | 1758 |
| St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston, Mass | August 28, | 1769 |
| Hiram Chapter, No. 1, Newtown, Conn | April 29, | 1791 |
| Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania | Nov. 23, | 1795 |
| " " Connecticut | July, | 1796 |
| " " Rhode Island | March 13, | 1797 |
| " " Massachusetts | March 13, | 1798 |
| " " New York | March 13, | 1798 |
| General Grand Chapter of the United States | January, | 1798." |

The records are arranged under three heads:

1. The Royal Arch Lodge, No. 3.
2. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
3. The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Under the second head, in 1798 we find the form of certificate given by us (in our report of 1869), in which the signatures of the *Chiefs* are followed by the letters Z., H., and J., and the same again appears under date of 1813. The first mention of "High Priest" is on November 3rd, 1823, on the adoption of a new Constitution, one article of which is:

"That the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (being a Holy Royal Arch Mason) shall be *ex officio* Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania."

Under the third head, the records commence with December 21st, 1812; and the three first officers are styled "1st Chief," 2nd Chief," and 3rd Chief;" and the same form of certificate is in the Constitution to be signed by Z., H., and J. At the same time, however, there appears to have been an appointed officer of the *Grand* Chapter called "Zerubbabel," ranking next after the Grand Royal Arch Captain. In 1816, "Zerubbabel" appears as an appointed officer next to the Grand Recorder.

The "three Chiefs" continue to preside until May 24th, 1824, when the Grand Chapter was re-organized; and henceforward we have the "Grand High Priest, Deputy G. H. P., King and Scribe," and "Zerubbabel," the appointed officer, is no more seen.

It is curious, however, to note that at the constitution of a new Chapter in 1837, it is solemnly dedicated "to our Most Excellent patron Zerubbabel."

Our space forbids further extracts from these interesting records; but it is quite clear from their perusal that the whole system of Royal Arch government was radically changed between 1822 and 1824, prior to which time all that was done was under the control and sanction of the Grand Lodge.

## RHODE ISLAND.

The Seventy-Third Annual Convocation was held at Providence, March 14th, 1871. M. E. Comp. Thomas A. Doyle, G. H. P.; R. E. Comp. Geo. H. Burnham, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 10; rejections, 32; exalted, 177; admitted, 2; died, 7; dimitted, 28; members, 1,381. Receipts, $521.60; balance on hand, $6.71; total assets, $1,771.71.

The G. H. P. reports one dispensation granted for a new Chapter, one new Chapter constituted under Charter, and several official installations and visitations.

The only decisions made during the year, are these:

"1st.—That in the admission to the Past Master's Degree of a candidate who has received the Degree under the authority of the Grand Lodge, it is only necessary to administer the O. B.; all other ceremonies may be omitted.

2nd.—In reply to an enquiry from a High Priest in Delaware, that in this jurisdiction none but Present or Past High Priests can be elected to the office of Grand High Priest, and that unaffiliated Royal Arch Masons cannot be members of the Grand Chapter, and therefore are not eligible to the office of Grand High Priest."

The Grand Chapters of Nova Scotia and Delaware were recognized.

On the subject of interchange of representatives, the Grand Chapter approved of the object sought to be gained, but would not adopt any system for general representation, saying that

"In special cases, and for particular purposes, it might be well that there should be an interchange of representatives between the sister Grand Bodies, but they believe that these cases can best be met as they arise, and that the establishment of a general rule providing for the appointment of such representatives would be open to very serious objections."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, and is a very able review—in fact, one of the best. Thirty-seven Grand Bodies pass under his notice, including Canada for 1870. They have no *dues* in Rhode Island, and thereby escape many troublous complications. In his notice of Iowa, we find the following:

"After quoting from Michigan upon the matter of dues, he says: 'And, according to our ideas, this whole matter of dues will remain a discredit to Masonry just as long as the dues system is kept up.' We here in Rhode Island believe that the system of dues is a 'discredit to Masonry,' and in that respect show our faith by our works, 'no dues' having been one of our 'landmarks' for a time running further back than the memory of the 'oldest Mason,' and, as a consequence, we know nothing about the troubles occasioned by 'dues.'"

We have long been of opinion that the present system of dues is unsound and unfair. Unfair especially to those who, having "borne the burden and heat of the day," and having for many years supported the Craft by word and by deed, find themselves in their old age deprived of those masonic privileges they so highly prize, by reason of their inability to pay the yearly tax. They must either withdraw and become unaffiliated, or be suspended,—in either case being visited with dire penalties through no fault of their own, and placed on a par, as far as practical results are concerned, with those whose unworthy actions or masonic crimes have banished them from the Fraternity.

The system is also unsound, as being entirely of modern creation, and not known at all in days of old. By the ancient

regulations, "every new Brother is decently to clothe the Lodge" at his admission, and no further tax was required of him. He then became a Mason "in good standing," and his subsequent poverty did not deprive him of masonic intercourse, or of any of his masonic privileges. The necessity of keeping up funds for charitable and other purposes, is no doubt an objection to the removal of the present system; but that can easily be obviated by the increase of the fees for initiation and Degrees, which in many cases are now far too low. We would be very glad to see the Rhode Island practice adopted in this jurisdiction, and the present system of annual dues, with all its attendant evils, altogether done away with.

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Convocation was held at Charleston, February 15th, 1870. M. E. Comp. R. S. Bruns, G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. E. Thayer, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 28; making returns, 26; affiliated, 2; exalted, 135; dimitted, 11; suspended, 40; expelled, 1; died, 7; members, 808. Receipts, $1,028.50; balance on hand, $64.64.

From the Address of the G. H. P., we learn that the prospects of the Craft in that State are improved and improving, and the work of restoration after the troubles they have had is steadily progressing. He has appointed several representatives, and believes in the practice as productive of peace and harmony between the various Grand Bodies. He declined re-election.

The Grand Secretary reports "increasing prosperity:"

"Throughout the whole State the members are exerting greater energy, and making more strenuous efforts for its resuscitation. Old Chapters are reviving, and new ones are applying for admission into its ranks."

A cheering prospect, and one in which we heartily rejoice.

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was recognized.

The "Cokesbury Masonic Female College" was strongly recommended to the Craft as worthy of their support and sympathy.

A magnificent seal ring was presented to the Grand Chapter by Comp. W. L. M. Burger, as the Episcopal Ring of the Grand High Priest, to be worn in his official capacity.

On the retirement of the Grand Secretary, R. E. Comp. E. Thayer, after many years' valuable service, an annuity of $150 was voted to him by the Grand Chapter, as a testimony of their regard and appreciation.

Our Proceedings for 1869 are kindly noticed in the report on Foreign Correspondence by Comp. James Birnie, which is well written, and instructive as well as interesting.

M. E. Comp. Montgomery Moses was elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. Augustine T. Smythe was elected Grand Secretary.

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## 1871.

The Annual Convocation was held at Charleston, February 14th, 1871. R. E. Comp. James A. Hoyt presiding as G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. A. T. Smythe, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 28; affiliated, 5; exalted, 70; dimitted, 15; suspended, 14; expelled, 1; rejected, 1; died, 10; members, 809. Receipts, $1.043.50; balance on hand, $13.68.

Prosperity continues in this jurisdiction, as appears from these remarks by the G. H. P.:

"I am pleased to communicate that the condition of our jurisdiction is most flattering and prosperous, and that the utmost harmony prevails. The only contention is the noble rivalry in bringing our Chapters up to that standard which shall best secure happy results for the benefit of the Order. This is the feeling which animated our country Chapters, and I have no doubt those of our metropolis work with a like incentive."

* * * "The increase and progress of Chapters within our jurisdiction have been surprisingly great, the more especially when the fact is brought to your attention that, owing to the disastrous and evil consequences of the late war, which resulted in a series of misfortunes to our beloved State, all

our efforts were paralyzed, and all masonic bodies, if not dormant, were in a state of chaos and confusion. Yet, on this day, and despite the obstacles and privations, it is a proud and glorious satisfaction to know that the number of Chapters within our jurisdiction has greatly increased, and all are in good working order, the effort of each individual Companion being stimulated by the proud satisfaction of entering his own particular tabernacle, an object of usefulness and admiration. But happy it is that the smoke of war has cleared and purified the air—light, blessed light, again shines to guide us with its rays."

Dispensations were granted to three new Chapters, and to two others which had been dormant since the war.

Comp. James Birnie again presents an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence. We regret that our Proceedings for 1870 did not come under his notice.

Death.—William E. Mikell, Grand Principal Sojourner.

M. E. Comp. James A. Hoyt was elected G. H. P. The Grand Secretary was re-elected.

## TENNESSEE.

The Annual Convocation was held at Nashville, November 9th, 1870. M. E. Comp. John W. Hughes, G. H. P.; R. E. Comp. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary.

Statistics.—Exaltations, 1869, 424—1870, 368; admissions, 1869, 45—1870, 55; withdrawals, 1869, 154—1870, 180; suspensions, 1869, 46—1870, 30; expulsions, 1869, 5—1870, 9; deaths, 1869, 46—1870, 63; total Royal Arch Masons, 1869, 3,912—1870, 4,161; number Chartered Chapters, 1869, 78—1870, 84; number Chapters under Dispensation, 1869, 5—1870, 3. Receipts, $2,832.40; balance on hand, $1,245.70.

A brief Address was delivered by the G. H. P., recounting his official acts, dispensations, and visitations.

A Committee was appointed to draft a uniform code of by-laws for the subordinate Chapters.

An appeal was sustained, and the proceedings of a Chapter set aside, in a case where a candidate had been balloted for and elected on the same night that his petition had been received.

A resolution to permit the use of substitutes was voted down.

The following were adopted :

"Resolved,—That vacancies which may occur among the officers of a subordinate Chapter, by death, removal, failure or refusal to be installed, suspension or expulsion, shall require a dispensation from the proper authority, authorizing an election to fill said vacancies.

Resolved,—That it be recommended to subordinate Chapters not to confer any two of the Degrees of Capitular Masonry (except the Degrees of Past Master and Most Excellent Master) upon the same person, within the time elapsing between two stated Convocations of the Chapter ; and it is also recommended that the Degree of Royal Arch Mason be not conferred until the applicant shall have been examined in open Lodge upon the lectures pertaining to the preceding Degrees."

The Assistant Grand Secretary, Comp. Geo. S. Blackie, is the author of the report on Foreign Correspondence. England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and Canada (for 1869), are noticed by by him.

Death.—Williamson H. Horn, Grand Treasurer for over twenty years, on March 8th, 1870.

M. E. Comp. William H. Armstrong was elected G. H. P. The Grand Secretary was re-elected.

## TEXAS.

The Twenty-first Annual Convocation was held at Houston, June 13th, 1870. M.E. Comp. W. G. Veal, G. H. P.; and R.E. Comp. Robert Brewster, Grand Secretary.

Statistics.—Chapters, 95; markings, 1869, 335—1868, 246—increase, 89; passings, 1869, 337—1868, 238—increase, 99; receivings, 1869, 341—1868, 237—increase, 104; exaltations, 1869, 341—1868, 232—increase, 109; affiliations, 1869, 89—1868, 62—increase, 27; re-instatements, 1869, 35—1868, 30—increase, 5; dimissions, 1869, 180—1868, 153—increase, 27;

suspensions, 1869, 130—1868, 231; expulsions, 1869, 14—1868, 8—increase, 6; deaths, 1869, 68—1868, 66—increase, 2; total number of members, 1869, 3,220—1868, 3,218—increase, 2. Receipts, currency, $363.51—silver, $2,006.45—gold, $1,219.00; balance on hand, currency, $148.33—silver, $150.96—gold, $83.00.

The reports of the G. H. P., Deputy G. H. P., and three Grand Visitors, show that the Fraternity in Texas are progressing and prospering, although they have difficulties to surmount of which we can form but a limited idea. One Grand Visitor states that

"These two Chapters have not yet recovered from the effects of the destructive overflow of the Colorado River."

And others could not be called together,

"Owing to much sickness prevailing at that time among the membership,"

Arising from the same cause. Another Grand Visitor reports of one Chapter as follows:

"On behalf of said Companions, I would state their High Priest died, and I believe both of the other principal officers left the country with stock; and the continual depredations of the Indians rendered it almost impossible for them to meet. They certainly deserve a reprimand, however, for permitting their Charter to be thus lost."

Rather "hard lines" we should say. The third Grand Visitor travelled over 1,500 miles. We quote his remarks on two Chapters:

"Haggai, No. 53.—I lectured a few of the officers of this Chapter five days and nights. There were not Companions enough present to open the Chapter. The house was in such a dilapidated condition that the Companions were afraid to stay in it, especially as there was a brisk Norther blowing all the time I was at that place. The records are very good. The Craft is not in a flourishing condition in that jurisdiction."

"Veal's Station, No. 75.—This Chapter is upon the very outpost of civilization. The whole county in which it is situated is occasionally overrun by wild Indians, and yet, strange as it may seem, the Craft here is still in a prosperous condition. Those Companions deserve great credit for their perseverance and zeal amidst such discouragements."

In no other jurisdiction is the system of visitation of Chapters carried out so extensively, and great credit is due to those worthy Companions for their praiseworthy efforts to advance the cause of

our beloved Fraternity in the face of so many and diverse difficulties.

The Grand Chapter sat during five days, and transacted a large amount of local business.

Further time was granted Comp. P. C. Tucker to prepare the report on Foreign Correspondence.

DEATH.—C. G. Keenan, Past Grand Treasurer.

M. E. Comp. S. S. Munger was elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. Robert Brewster re-elected G. Secretary.

## VIRGINIA.

The Annual Convocation was held at Richmond, December 15th, 1870. M. E. Comp. John P. Little, G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. John Dove, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 46; withdrawn, 72; died, 36; suspended, 32; expelled, 1; members, 1,647. Receipts, $878.53; balance on hand, $414.66.

The G. H. P. delivered a verbal Address.

Three new Chapters received Charters.

The Grand Chapter consented to the formation of a Grand Chapter for West Virginia; and as their proceedings are of interest to us, being somewhat similarly situated, we copy them entire:

"FORMATION OF GRAND CHAPTER IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Notwithstanding the Grand Chapter of Virginia does not recognize or consent to the claim set up for the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, as holding exclusive jurisdiction over the subordinate Lodges of that State, as set forth in the memorial of the subordinate Chapters in the limits of that State, to be allowed to form a Grand Chapter for West Virginia: be it

RESOLVED,—That the consent of this Grand Chapter be given to the formation of a Grand Chapter in West Virginia upon the same terms and conditions, and with the same limitations as the consent of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was given to the formation of a Grand Lodge for the State of West Virginia.

The action of the Grand Lodge of Virginia is as follows :

'RESOLVED,—That this Grand Lodge hereby recognizes the said Grand Lodge of West Virginia, and extends to her our fraternal and masonic recognition, and cordially recommends her to all other Grand Masonic Bodies in correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

'2. RESOLVED,—That the political boundaries of a State being definitely given and decided upon, fixes the masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of that State, except in so far as rights may have vested under Charters theretofore lawfully issued.

'3. RESOLVED,--That the political status of the counties of Jefferson and Berkeley being at this time undetermined, the Grand Lodge of Virginia will, for the present, retain her jurisdiction over such Lodges in said counties as desire to report to this Grand Lodge; but will authorize the opening of no new Lodge in either of said counties until their status is definitely settled, it being understood that the Grand Lodge of West Virginia shall on their part be subject to the like restrictions.

'4. RESOLVED,—That inasmuch as the original Charters which emanated from this Grand Lodge to the subordinate Lodges in West Virginia have been formally surrendered to this Grand Lodge, but the said subordinate Lodges having earnestly asked that they may be returned to them, to be laid up in their archives as mementoes of the past: therefore

'RESOLVED,—That the said subordinate Lodges be permitted to retain the said old Charters.

'RESOLVED,—That this Grand Lodge recommend to all of its subordinate Lodges in the territorial limits of West Virginia to surrender their present Charters to, and ask new Charters from, the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.'"

The Grand Treasurer, R. E. Comp. T. N. Dudley, was presented with a testimonial in the shape of a beautifully ornamented Mark, in recognition of his services for the past nineteen years.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, by Comp. W. B. Isaacs, consists chiefly of decisions on questions of law and usage, extracted from the various proceedings. The receipt of the transactions of Canada for 1870 is acknowledged. From his opening remarks, we quote the following :

"From a 'careful perusal' of the proceedings enumerated, we are more than gratified to report the very evident effort that is being made to acquire a more thorough and intimate knowledge of the moral teachings of Capitular Masonry, which, as we familiarize ourselves with them, are so well calculated to aid us in perpetuating that harmony and peace now prevailing among the members of the Fraternity, and which all *good* Masons should aim to cultivate. From the same abundant sources of information, we are introduced to many new-fangled notions, such as

adjourning (?) or calling off from hour to hour or day to day, recording the ayes and noes, calls for previous questions *lying* on the table, and indeed a prevalence of all the peculiar motions and notions which govern club or parliamentary meetings, but which are unknown in either supreme or subordinate masonic bodies in this jurisdiction, and which we think, as Masons, are 'more honored in the breach than the observance.'

We notice nearly all *Foreign* Grand Bodies have dropped the good old titles of Lodge or Chapter, and Master, and adopted the high sounding brass and tinsel, 'Grand Orients' and 'President.' 'What's in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet.' And while we cannot approve of a removal or a change of any old landmark, however unimportant, yet, with our experience, as constitutent members of this, 'the best government the world ever saw,' we are not surprised that the officers and members of the Order living under monarchical governments should find a peculiar fascination in the word, 'President,' and adopt it on all occasions, whether appropriate or not. As our ladies—God bless them!—followed the fashion of the Empress with a blind infatuation, yet they were beautiful; and knowing their devotion to royalty, and fully appreciating their power over *man*kind, we look for the time when their influence will be exercised to divert republican Americans from their allegiance and democratic notions, and induce our 'progressive members,' at no remote period, to make an effort to follow in the footsteps of their 'illustrious foreign predecessors.'"

DEATHS.—Charles A. Grice, P. G. H. P., on July 22nd, 1870; and Powhatan B. Starke, P. G. H. P., on September 10th, 1870.

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

## WISCONSIN.

The Twenty-first Annual Convocation was held at Milwaukee, January 17th, 1871. M. E. Comp. Thomas B. Tyler, G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. William T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 41; exalted, 182; admitted, 38; dimitted, 124; suspended, 49; expelled, 2; rejected, 28; died, 24. Dues, $2,103.00; receipts, $2,995.00; balance on hand, $2,754.62.

We copy the following from the Address of the G. H. P.:

"Evasions of the requirements of Section 6 of Article 5, of the Constitution, respecting the examination of candidates for advancement, and the irregular manner of conferring the fifth and seventh Degrees, by many of

the Chapters, had been the occasion of much solicitude and apprehension. Variations from the true mode had crept in by degrees, until, like other evil habits, they had come to be regarded as parts of our system, and many were ready to defend them as sound and correct. With others, I believed them to be dangerous innovations, and if allowed to proceed without check, would in the end be destructive of the usefulness of our Order. I therefore instructed the Grand Lecturer to direct the attention of the Officers and Companions of such Chapters as he should officially visit, to these subjects, and to insist upon strict conformity to the authorized ritual, when conferring the several Degrees, and upon implicit obedience to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, of this Grand Chapter, and of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, upon all occasions, and under all circumstances.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to state that the Grand Lecturer, in the performance of that duty, informs me that the Officers and Companions of the Chapters visited by him have generally received these instructions with marked favor, and assured him of their prompt and cheerful compliance therewith. Let us hope, then, that the time has come when these Degrees will be everywhere conferred in a legal and proper manner.

Let the fifth be stripped of its borrowed plumage, and made to perform the functions originally designed for it. Let the Holy Royal Arch be conferred with such dignity and decorum as will impress indelibly upon the minds of the candidates the fact that the ceremony is not a 'solemn mockery,' but an exemplification of a sublime truth, and designed to make men wiser and better, to give them larger and grander views of the great I AM, and of His wonderful works."

Two new Chapters received Charters; $400.00 was voted in charity; and the following resolutions, among others, were adopted, viz.:

"Resolved,—That the use of keys or cyphers, by any officer or member of any subordinate Chapter, and particularly all sales or barters thereof, is hereby strictly forbidden, under penalty of discipline for violation of masonic obligations; and it is hereby made the imperative duty of the High Priest of every subordinate Chapter to secure, as soon as possible, and effectually destroy any such key or cypher."

"Resolved,—That at each stated Convocation of the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction, the Chapter shall be opened and closed upon the Royal Arch Degree; and that at each stated Convocation the minutes shall be read and approved before closing, and read also at the succeeding Convocation for information."

Canada for 1870 is noticed in the report on Correspondence, by Comp. Samuel Fallows, who reviews the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters in a concise manner.

M. E. Comp. Joseph Yates was elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. William T. Palmer was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Our task is thus completed. We have endeavored to place before you an abstract of the more important and interesting proceedings which are taking place in other jurisdictions, and which are only accessible to the majority of the Craft here through the medium of these reports.

On a survey of the whole field, there is great cause for congratulation at the general prosperity of the Capitular branch of our ancient and honorable Fraternity. Peace and harmony are everywhere predominant, and a large measure of success is attending the efforts of our co-workers in the great cause for which we are all laboring.

There are no doubt differences of opinion on many subjects, but these are discussed temperately, and in a fraternal manner, and the results arrived at are conceived and acted upon with but one view—to maintain the moral precepts and principles of our Order, and to promote the comfort and happiness of our fellow-man.

All which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

CHAIRMAN, Committee on Foreign Correspondence

COLLINGWOOD, ONT., August 4th, 1871.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, and resolved—

That the Report of the Chairman on Foreign Correspondence be received, and printed with the Proceedings of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 6 o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 6.30 o'clock, p. m.

PRESENT.

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| M. E. Comp. | T. Douglas Harington, | Grand Z. | Grand Council. |
| R. " " | W.J.B.McLeod Moore, | as " H. | |
| " " " | L. H. Henderson, | " J. | |

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

R. E. Comp. D. Curtis, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on

## WARRANTS.

*To the M. E. Grand Council:*

Your sub-committee on Warrants beg leave to report,—

That having taken into consideration the several petitions for Warrants laid before them, and having examined the books and papers in connection therewith, together with such further information as they could obtain, beg leave to recommend that Warrants be granted to the following Chapters, viz.:

"Montreal," ..... at Montreal.
"Royal Albert," ..... at "
"St. James," ..... at St. Mary's.
"Mount Sinai," ..... at Napanee.
"Excelsior," ..... at Colborne.
"Wellington," ..... at Chatham.

With regard to the petition for a Warrant for a Chapter at Maitland, your Committee *cannot recommend* the prayer of the petitioners, as in their opinion, from facts presented to them, the granting of such Warrant would be injurious to the interests of Grenville Chapter, No. 22, which is apparently *now* in good working order.

Your Committee cannot close this report without expressing their satisfaction at the manner in which the books presented to them have been kept, particularly that of the "Montreal" Chapter, as being a credit to the various Chapters.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. D. MACDONNELL,

CHAIRMAN, Executive Com.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. D. Curtis, seconded by R. E. Comp. H. Robertson, and resolved—

That the Report of the Executive Committee be received and adopted.

R. E. Comp. H. Robertson, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on

## AUDIT AND FINANCE.

*To the M. E. Grand Council:*

The Executive Committee beg to report that they have carefully examined the books, statements and vouchers, of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer, and submit the following Statement:

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| Receipts for the past year | $1,615 91 |
| Payments | 754 63 |
| Excess | $ 861 28 |
| Previous balance on hand | 1,327 07 |
| Leaving cash now on hand | $2,188 35 |

Your Committee are glad to point out to the notice of the Grand Chapter the steady and certain improvement observable in the financial condition of the Grand Chapter, which they trust will yet be more fully manifested in the future.

Your Committee have also examined the following accounts which have been presented for payment. They find them correct, and recommend that the same be paid, as follows :

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| Grand Scribe E., salary to August, 1871 | $300 00 |
| Lawson, McCulloch & Co., printing | 7 00 |
| Janitor at Quebec | 6 00 |
| G. S. E., expenses attending Convocation at Quebec | 45 50 |
| G. S. E., petty disbursements for the year | 28 03 |
| | $386 53 |

All which is fraternally submitted.

HY. ROBERTSON,

CHAIRMAN, Finance.

August 9th, 1871.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. H. Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, and resolved—

That the foregoing Report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by E. Comp. P. J. Brown, and resolved—

That it be an instruction to the M. E. Council to cause the surplus balance of funds of this Grand Chapter to be invested in the new issue of Dominion Stock, bearing five per cent. interest per annum, in the names of the Grand Z., Grand Scribe E., and Grand Treasurer—the three names being necessary for the sale of or transfer of the said Stock.

The election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and the following named Companions were declared duly elected, viz. :

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| M. E. Comp. | T. Douglas Harington, re-elected | Grand Z. | |
| R. " " | S. Bickerton Harman, | " | H. |
| " " " | F. Montague Sowdon, | " | J. |
| " " " | T. Bird Harris, unanimously re-elected | " | Scribe E. |
| V. " " | Robert Ramsay, | " | " N. |
| " " | Fred. J. Menet, | " | Prin. Sojourner. |
| R. " " | John V. Noel, | " | Treasurer. |
| " " | John Wilson, | " | Registrar. |
| By an open vote of Grand Chapter, | | | |
| Comp. | John Dixon, Toronto, | " | Janitor. |

The following Companions were nominated by the Representatives of the Chapters of the respective Districts, and approved by the M. E. Grand Z., as

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

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| V. E. Comp. | John A. MacKenzie, | London | District. |
| R. " " | C. L. Beard, re-elected | Wilson | " |
| V. " " | John Dutton, | Huron | " |
| " " " | Edward Mitchell, | Hamilton | " |
| R. " " | Thomas Sargant, re-elected | Toronto | " |
| " " | John Wright, | Ontario | " |
| " " | Donald Ross, | Prince Edward | " |
| R. " " | Geo. M. Wilkinson, | Central | " |
| " " " | I. H. Stearns, | Montreal | " |
| " " " | Edson Kemp, re-elected | Eastern Townships | " |
| " " " | J. Dunbar, " | Quebec | " |
| " " " | D. R. Munro, " | New Brunswick | " |

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. C. L. Beard,

That the sum of fifty dollars be granted to R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, for his report on Foreign Correspondence.

In amendment,

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Edson Kemp, seconded by R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry,

That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and the same are hereby given, to R. E. Comp. H. Robertson, for his report on Foreign Correspondence.

In amendment to the amendment,

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. K. Kerr, seconded by E. Comp. P. J. Brown,

That the sum of fifty dollars, together with the thanks of this Grand Chapter, be tendered to R. E. Comp. H. Robertson, for his able report on Foreign Correspondence.

The amendment to the amendment having been submitted to a vote of Grand Chapter, was declared adopted by a large majority.

It was, on motion of R. E. Comp. J. K. Kerr, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. Curtis, resolved—

That the following named Companions be declared elected to serve on the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz.:

R. E. Comps. A. A. Stevenson, Henry Robertson, C. D. Macdonnell, E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, and R. E. Comp. James Seymour.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to attend refreshment, at a banquet to be given in the St. James' Hall, to meet on to-morrow, Thursday, at high twelve.

THURSDAY, August 10th, 1871.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 1.30 o'clock, p. m.

PRESENT.

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| M. E. Comp. | T. Douglas Harington, | Grand Z. | Grand Council. |
| R. " " | W. J. B. McLeod Moore, | as " H. | |
| " " " | Henry Robertson, | as " J. | |

On the Throne.

R. E. Comp. H. Robertson, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following Report on matters contained in the Address of the M. E. Grand Z.:

## REPORT ON ADDRESS OF GRAND Z.

*To the M. E. the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

The Executive Committee would most respectfully beg to submit the following report on the Address of the M. E. the Grand First Principal:

Your Committee are rejoiced to hear of the continued prosperity of this Grand Chapter, and that a laudable desire for the knowledge of our Royal Art is taking root in the hearts of the Masons within our jurisdiction, as evidenced by the interest displayed by the members of the subordinate Chapters in the affairs and teachings of Capitular Masonry, and by applications for Warrants, which have been made from sections of the country previously unrepresented.

Your Committee join with the M. E. the Grand First Principal in expressing the unfeigned regret with which they learned of the death of their late highly esteemed and well skilled R. E. Companion Samuel D. Fowler. His amiable and genial manner,—his wise counsel,—his open and manly advocacy of what he conceived to be just,—and his thorough acquaintance with the history and principles of Capitular Masonry, will long be missed at the deliberations of our Annual Convocations, where he was for so many years a regular attendant.

Your Committee would recommend that a memorial page be printed and published with the Proceedings of this Convocation, with similar particulars to those published on former occasions concerning our "honored dead."

Your Committee are glad to learn that our relations with other Grand Chapters continue to be satisfactory, and that representatives have been appointed by Grand Chapters not hitherto represented in the Grand Chapter of Canada; and they cordially

recommend for confirmation the appointment of the able representatives selected by the M. E. the Grand First Principal, to represent this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapters of Nebraska, Ohio, New York and Vermont, respectively.

Your Committee regret the continuance of the unfortunate difficulty connected with Craft Masonry in the Province of Quebec, adverted to last year, and again this year, by the M. E. the Grand First Principal.

Your Committee would venture the hope that the teachings of our Royal Order have in some measure tended to mitigate the severity of the strife for some time past existing amongst Craft Masons in the Province of Quebec; and they trust that wisdom may for the future direct and guide the minds of all Royal Arch Masons in that and all other parts of our jurisdiction,—that they may never be unmindful of their duty to each other as Royal Arch Masons, and exercise that forbearance towards each other which is at all times inculcated in our various lectures.

Your Committee are of opinion that no good object can be secured by the discussion in this Grand Chapter of the difficulties thus unhappily existing, or of their causes; but they would desire to urge upon all members of Grand Chapter, in their individual capacity as Masons, to use their influence and counsel towards the restoration of thorough and complete masonic harmony in the Province of Quebec, that our masonic edifice may indeed be complete, and that the capestone of Peace may crown the Arch of Masonry with all its attendant blessings—and that Peace, Love and Harmony, may ever prevail amongst all our members.

All which is fraternally submitted.

C. D. MACDONNELL,

CHAIRMAN, Executive Com.

August 10th, 1871.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. H. Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee be received and adopted.

R. E. Comp. H. Robertson submitted the following report of the Executive Committee on

## CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The Executive Committee begs leave to submit the following report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Canada :

The Committee has had before it the reports of the Superintendents of the London, Wilson, Huron, Hamilton, Toronto, Ontario, Prince Edward, Central, Eastern Townships, Quebec, and New Brunswick Districts. Montreal District is the only one from which no report has been received.

The Committee have again to congratulate Grand Chapter on the prosperous condition of Capitular Masonry throughout its jurisdiction, as shown by the different reports of the Grand Superintendents. It is gratifying to notice the entire absence of complaints and grievances throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee have much pleasure in drawing the attention of Grand Chapter to the assistance so generously rendered by the Chapters in the Toronto District to Seymour Chapter, No. 38, which suffered so severely at the late disastrous fire in Bradford; at the same time your Committee would urge upon all Chapters the necessity of guarding against such dangers by timely insurance.

Your Committee regret to notice what appears to be a violation of law and usage in the Central District, where a Second Principal appears to have been installed, or "accepted," as the report reads, by *proxy*. They desire it to be distinctly understood that an installation of a Principal by proxy is altogether unallowable.

All which is respectfully submitted.

C. D. MACDONNELL,

CHAIRMAN, Executive Com.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. H. Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z. announced in Grand Chapter that he had been present at the formation in Toronto of a Grand Council of "Royal and Select Masters," for the Province of Ontario.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. T. Bird Harris, seconded by R. E. Comp. S. B. Harman, and unanimously resolved—

WHEREAS, it hath pleased the Great Jehovah to number for his own, and recall the spirit of our worthy and much esteemed R. E. Companion Samuel Deadman Fowler, Past Grand H. of this Grand Chapter, who, whilst permitted to sojourn amongst us, was ever ready to devote his valuable time and matured talents for the advancement and good of our Order, and who now, after many years of usefulness and toil, has been called to rest from his labors, and to receive his reward from the hands of his Creator in the regions of bliss.

BE IT RESOLVED—That this Grand Chapter sincerely deplores and recognizes the loss the Craft has sustained by the removal from amongst them of so zealous a Companion; but in the firm hope that our loss is his eternal gain. And, in order that his many virtues may be perpetuated to future generations as an ensample worthy of imitation, this resolution be engrossed on the records; and also that a suitable "In Memoriam" page, in the printed Proceedings, be dedicated to his memory.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED—That the Grand Scribe E. be directed to furnish to the sorrowing family of our departed Companion a copy of the foregoing notice, and at the same time assure them of the deep sympathy and

heartfelt condolence of Grand Chapter in this their dark hour of trouble and bereavement.

E. Comp. H. Macpherson announced in Grand Chapter the death of R. E. Comp. J. Conway Brown, a Past Grand Superintendent of this Grand Chapter, and at the time of his demise, which occurred at Halifax, N. S., he was Grand J. of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia, at the formation of which he took an active and prominent part. His remains were interred with masonic ceremonies.

R. E. Comp. R. Ramsay gave notice that at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter he will move that the Constitution be so amended as to include all the Degrees of the A. and A. Rite, Royal Order of Scotland, Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, Royal Ark Mariner, and also the Degrees of Criptic Masonry, as being recognized by this Grand Chapter.

The M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to add to the Committee on "Work" of the subordinate Degrees, the names of R.E. Comps. S. B. Harman and F. J. Menet.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. S. B. Harman, and unanimously resolved—

That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and the same are hereby tendered to the Companions of the City of Hamilton, for the generous hospitalities and entertainment extended to the representatives in attendance at this Annual Convocation, and that the Grand Scribe E. be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of Committee of Management.

The M. E. Grand Z. proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected Officers for the ensuing year, who were proclaimed with the usual masonic ceremonies, viz.:

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| M. E. Comp. | T. Douglas Harington, Ottawa, | Grand Z. | Grand Council. |
| R. " " | S. Bickerton Harman, Toronto | " H. | |
| " " " | F. Montague Sowdon, Montreal, | " J. | |
| " " " | T. Bird Harris, Hamilton, | " Scribe E. | |
| " " " | Robert Ramsay, Orillia, | " " N. | |
| " " " | Fred J. Menet, Toronto, | " Prin. Soj'r. | |
| " " " | John V. Noel, Kingston, | " Treasurer. | |
| " " " | John Wilson, Simcoe, | " Registrar. | |
| " | John Nixon, Toronto, | " Janitor. | |

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

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| R. E. Comp. | Jno. A. Mackenzie, Sarnia, | London | District. |
| " " " | C. L. Beard, Woodstock, | Wilson | " |
| " " " | John Dutton, Stratford, | Huron | " |
| " " " | Edward Mitchell, Hamilton, | Hamilton | " |
| " " " | Thomas Sargant, Toronto, | Toronto | " |
| " " " | John Wright, Peterboro', | Ontario | " |
| " " " | Donald Ross, Picton, | Prince Edward | " |
| " " " | Geo. M. Wilkinson, Kingston, | Central | " |
| " " " | I. H. Stearns, Montreal, | Montreal | " |
| " " " | E. Kemp, Nelsonville, | Eastern Townships | " |
| " " " | J. Dunbar, Quebec, | Quebec | " |
| " " " | D. R. Munro, St. John, | New Brunswick | " |

At a subsequent date, the M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to notify the Grand Scribe E. of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz.:

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| V. E. Comp. | Hugh A. Mackay, Hamilton, | Grand | 1st Assistant Sojourner. |
| " " " | N. Gordon Bigelow, Toronto, | " | 2nd " " |
| " " " | D. S. Eastwood, Ottawa, | " | Sword Bearer. |
| " " " | E. R. Carpenter, Collingwood, | " | Standard Bearer. |
| " " " | Yeoman Gibson, Whitby, | " | Director of Ceremonies. |
| " " " | Francis Westlake, London, | " | Organist. |
| " " " | M. Dowsley, Prescott, | " | Pursuivant. |
| " " " | Geo. Groves, St. Catharines, | " | Stewards. |
| " " " | John Tweddell, Quebec, | | |
| " " " | John L. Harris, Moncton, N.B., | | |
| " " " | Alex. Matheson, Stratford, | | |

The M. E. Grand Z. directs that each Companion elected, and those appointed to office, not having presented himself for installation or investiture, be installed or invested in the Chapter of which he is a member.

It was moved by E. Comp. R. P. Stephens, seconded by R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, and resolved—

That the thanks of Grand Chapter be tendered to the Companions of "The Hiram" and "St. John's" Chapters, for the use of their spacious Chapter-room, for the holding of this Annual Convocation.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, seconded by E. Comp. P. J. Brown, and resolved—

That the M. E. Grand Z. be authorized to defray the incidental expenses incurred at this Annual Convocation, as also for printing the Proceedings, as soon as they shall have been completed and delivered.

The labors of Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in **ample form**, with prayer, at 6 o'clock, p. m.

ATTEST.

Thos. B. Harris

G. S. E.

# Returns of Subordinate Chapters,

RENDERED A. D. 1871.

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No. 1—ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1795.

*Stated Meetings — third Tuesday in February, May, August and November.*

OFFICERS.

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| R. E. Comp. | George M. Wilkinson, | Z. |
| " " " | W. B. Simpson, | H. |
| " " | H. E. Swales, | J. |
| " | L. Clements, acting | Scribe E. |

Number of members.....45

No. 2—THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1820.

*Stated Meetings—first Monday of every month.*

OFFICERS.

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| R. E. Comp. | Thos. B. Harris, | Z. |
| " " | Charles W. Smith, | H. |
| " " | Gavin Stewart, | J. |
| " | E. Geo. Conklin, | Scribe E. |

Number of members.....47

No. 4—CHAPTER OF ST. ANDREW AND ST. JOHN, TORONTO, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1800.

*Stated Meetings—third Friday of every month.*

OFFICERS.

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| R. E. Comp. | S. B. Harman, | Z. |
| " " " | F. J. Menet, | H. |
| " " | R. P. Stephens, | J. |
| " | John K. Macdonald, | Scribe E. |

Number of members.....97

No. 5—ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1854.

*Stated Meetings—fourth Friday in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov.*

OFFICERS.

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| E. Comp. | F. Westlake, | Z. |
| " " | William Carey, | H. |
| " " | W. D. McGloghlon, | J. |
| " | M. D. Dawson, | Scribe E. |

Number of members.....64

No. 6—ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1855.

*Stated Meetings—second Thursday of every month.*

OFFICERS.

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| R. E. Comp. | Edward Mitchell, | Z. |
| " " | Richard Brierley, | H. |
| " " | Jno. J. Mason, | J. |
| " | John Martin, | Scribe E. |

Number of members.....118

No. 7—MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1856.

*Stated Meetings—first Tuesday of every month.*

OFFICERS.

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| E. Comp. | John Taylor, | Z. |
| " " | P. D. Conger, | H. |
| " " | D. Pitceathly, | J. |
| " | Wesley Bullen, | Scribe E. |

Number of members.....56

No. 8—KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1857.

*Stated Meetings—third Monday of every month.*

OFFICERS.

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| R. E. Comp. | David McLellan, | Z. |
| " " | George C. Patterson, | H. |
| " " | N. Gordon Bigelow, | J. |
| " | F. Clarke, | Scribe E. |

Number of members.....104

## No. 9—GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER, SHERBROOKE, QUE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1858.

*Stated Meetings—Tuesday on or before full moon, in March, June, September and December.*

OFFICERS.

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| E. Comp. | No returns since 1869. | Z. |
| " " | | H. |
| " " | | J. |
| " | | Scribe E. |

Number of members.....72

## No. 10—NEW BRUNSWICK CHAPTER, ST. JOHN, N. B.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1858. AFFILIATED—A. D. 1868.

*Stated Meetings—second Monday in every month.*

OFFICERS.

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| E. Comp. | James McNichol, Jr., | Z. |
| " " | J. C. Hatheway, | H. |
| " " | Henry Duffele, | J. |
| " | D. Smith Stewart, | Scribe E. |

Number of members.....120

## No. 12—CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1850. AFFILIATED—A. D. 1859.

*Stated Meetings—second Monday in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov.*

OFFICERS.

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| R. E. Comp. | Hy. Dumble, | Z. |
| " " | A. McMillan, | H. |
| " " | G. S. Oldreive, | J. |
| " | Felix Shaw, | Scribe E. |

Number of members.....37

## No. 13—STADACONA CHAPTER, QUEBEC, QUE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1854. AFFILIATED—A. D. 1859.

*Stated Meetings—second Thursday in Jan., April, July & Oct.*

OFFICERS.

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| R. E. Comp. | James Dunbar, | Z. |
| " " | F. J. Thomas, | H. |
| " " | Charles McKenzie, | J. |
| " | Peter J. Brady, | Scribe E. |

Number of members.....73

No. 14—PREVOST CHAPTER, DUNHAM, QUE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1859.

*Stated Meetings—first Thursday of every month.*

OFFICERS.

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| R. E. Comp. | Edson Kemp, | Z. |
| " " | H. W. Wood, | H. |
| " " | Stevens Baker, | J. |
| " | Thos. F. Wood, | Scribe E. |

Number of members.....30

No. 15—WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1859.

*Stated Meetings—second Friday in Jan., April, July and Oct.*

OFFICERS.

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| R. E. Comp. | John A. Mackenzie, | Z. |
| " " | Wm. Ireland, | H. |
| " " | John Tracy, | J. |
| " | John Chester, | Scribe E. |

Number of members.....40

No. 16—CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1859.

*Stated Meetings—second Monday of every month.*

OFFICERS.

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| V. E. Comp. | William Hay, | Z. |
| " " | D. S. Eastwood, | H. |
| " " | W. M. Somerville, | J. |
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No. 20—MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, BRANTFORD, ONT.

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No. 21—CARNARVON CHAPTER, MONTREAL, QUE.

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No. 22—GRENVILLE CHAPTER, PRESCOTT, ONT.

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No. 23—EZRA CHAPTER, SIMCOE, ONT.

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No. 24—TECUMSEH CHAPTER, STRATFORD, ONT.

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Number of members.....45

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No. 26—ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, TRENTON, ONT.

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No. 27—MANITOU CHAPTER, COLLINGWOOD, ONT.

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Number of members.....31

No. 28—PENTALPHA CHAPTER, OSHAWA, ONT.

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Number of members.....62

No. 29—McCALLUM CHAPTER, DUNNVILLE, ONT.

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Number of members.....33

No. 30—HURON CHAPTER, GODERICH, ONT.

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Number of members.....40

No. 31—PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, PICTON, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1868.

*Stated Meetings—Friday on or after every full moon.*

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No. 32—WATERLOO CHAPTER, GALT, ONT.

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Number of members.....33

No. 34—SIGNET CHAPTER, ORILLIA, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1869.

*Stated Meetings—first Tuesday of every month.*

OFFICERS.

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| " " | Theo. H. Tebbs, | J. |
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OFFICERS.

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| " " | J. B. Bickell, | J. |
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Number of members.....34

### No. 36—CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, PETERBORO', ONT.

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Number of members.....27

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### No. 38—SEYMOUR CHAPTER, BRADFORD, ONT.

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Number of members.....40

No. 39—BOTSFORD CHAPTER, MONCTON, N. B.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1870.

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OFFICERS.

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Number of members.....26

No. 40—GUELPH CHAPTER, GUELPH, ONT.

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*Stated Meetings—Friday on or after every full moon.*

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Number of members.....40

No. 41—HARRIS CHAPTER, INGERSOLL, ONT.

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Number of members.....20

No. 42—MONTREAL CHAPTER, MONTREAL, P. Q.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1871.

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Number of members.....10

No. 43—ROYAL ALBERT CHAPTER, MONTREAL, P. Q.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1871:

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No. 44—MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, NAPANEE, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1871.

*Stated Meetings—the Wednesday after every full moon.*

OFFICERS.

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No. 45—EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, COLBORNE, ONT.

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*Stated Meetings—first Thursday of every month.*

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Number of members..... 9

No. 46—ST. JAMES' CHAPTER, ST. MARY'S, ONT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1871.

*Stated Meetings—second Wednesday of every month.*

OFFICERS.

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## No. 47—WELLINGTON CHAPTER, CHATHAM, ONT.

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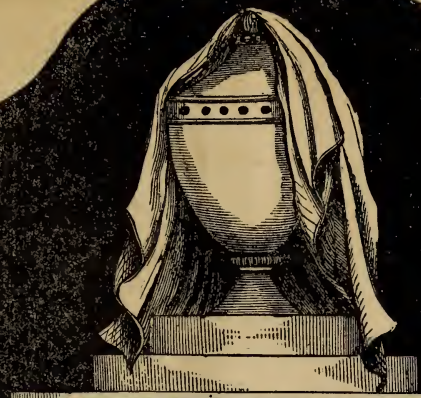

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MSKEON. ENG^R HAMILTON

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